

EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

: Your petitioner must present evidence that neither the principal applicant nor any dependent applicants (if applicable) will become a public charge in the United States. The petitioner's income must meet 125% of the [Poverty Guidelines](#). (I-864p)

- Detailed information about the different forms required for the different types of visa applicants is available at http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/immigrate/immigrant-process/documents/Step_4_Collect_Financial_Documents.html

- Immediate relative (CR/IR) and family preference (F) cases: An **original I-864** (or I-864EZ along with a copy of the W-2 filed with the income tax returns, if applicable) signed by the petitioner must be submitted with his or her **most recent federal income tax return** or [tax transcript](#).

- If the petitioner's income does not meet the poverty income guidelines, the petitioner may have a joint sponsor. The joint sponsor must submit an **original I-864 signed by the joint sponsor** along with his or her **most recent federal income tax return** and **proof of his/her U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status**.

(Note that the petitioner must still submit complete financial support documentation even if a joint sponsor is being used.)

- If a petitioner's or joint sponsor's tax return was jointly filed with his/her spouse, submit evidence of the petitioner's or joint sponsor's individual income (e.g. W-2) OR his/her spouse should submit an **original I-864A** and **proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status**.

- If the petitioner was exempt from filing a tax return, the petitioner should submit an IRS Verification of Non-filing obtainable at <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript>.

Note for Petitioners Residing Abroad/Domicile

: For petitioners who have been residing outside of the United States, you must meet the domicile requirement in order to qualify as a sponsor. To do so, you must demonstrate that you have maintained continuing ties to the United States and/or taken steps to reestablish your residence in the United States. Information about your planned return to the United States, including a six-month timeline and evidence of your efforts to reestablish your residence, should be provided.