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How to Complete a Visa Invitation Letter

Invitation Letter and Affidavit of Support for a Visitor to the United States

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR VISA INVITATION LETTER.

About this form. When a relative or friend abroad applies for a U.S. visitor visa, a **signed, notarized invitation letter** from their U.S. host explains who they are visiting, why, for how long, where they will stay, and who will pay. Consular officers decide each case based mainly on the visitor's own situation and ties to home, so the letter **supports** an application but cannot guarantee a visa.

1. **Fill in your details as the host**
   Use your legal name, address, contact information, occupation, and U.S. status exactly as on your ID or immigration documents.
2. **Fill in the visitor's details exactly as on their passport**
   Names, date of birth, and passport number must match the visitor's passport and visa application.
3. **Describe the visit**
   State the purpose and planned dates. Keep the dates realistic and consistent with the visa application.
4. **Mark lodging and expenses**
   Say whether the visitor will stay with you and who will pay. If you will pay, attach proof such as a recent bank statement, pay stubs, or a tax return.
5. **Sign under oath in front of a notary**
   Do **not** sign ahead of time. Bring a current government-issued photo ID. We come to your home or office.
6. **Send it to your visitor**
   Send the original (or a scan, if accepted) for their consular interview. Keep a copy for yourself.

Good to Know

- This letter is not USCIS Form I-134. Some programs require that official form instead — check the visitor's visa instructions.
- Inviting someone to another country? Many countries (for example, in Europe) require their own official invitation form.
- Do not overstate your finances or the visitor's plans. False statements can harm both of you.

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YOUR FORM BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE

INVITATION LETTER AND AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

For a Visitor Traveling to the United States

_____ _____

To: (embassy or consulate, city and country) (date of letter)

State of California)

County of _____) ss.

I, the undersigned host, being first duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

1. Host.

_____ _____ _____

(full legal name) (date of birth) (phone / email)

_____

(home address, city, state, ZIP)

_____ _____

(occupation and employer) (status: U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or other)

2. Visitor. I invite the following person to visit me in the United States:

_____ _____ _____

(visitor's full name, as on passport) (date of birth) (citizenship)

_____ _____

(passport number) (visitor's address abroad)

_____

(relationship to me, e.g., mother, cousin, friend)

3. Visit.

_____ _____ _____

(purpose, e.g., family visit, graduation, wedding) (arrival date) (departure date)

4. Lodging and expenses (mark all that apply):

- ☐ The visitor will stay at my home at the address above, free of charge.
- ☐ I will pay for the visitor's travel and living expenses during the visit.
- ☐ The visitor will pay their own expenses.

5. Departure. To the best of my knowledge, the visitor intends to return home before the end of the authorized stay. I will encourage the visitor to comply with all U.S. immigration laws and the terms of their visa.

I understand that this letter does not guarantee that a visa will be issued. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ , at _____

(date) (city and state)

_____ _____

(signature of host) (printed name)

Sign only in front of the notary, who will place you under oath and complete the jurat on the next page.

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JURAT

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State of California)

County of _____)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____

by _____

(name(s) of signer(s))

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Seal)

Signature _____