

U.S. Embassy Yerevan, Armenia
Immigrant Visa Unit

GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

for K-1 and K-3 category non-immigrant visa applicants

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please carefully read these instructions and prepare the attached list of required documents before your interview. All documents must be complete and presented at the time of your interview.
- **Children** immigrating with you must also be present at the interview.
- The required documents, unless specified otherwise, must be completed for **each applicant**.
- For all required documents, you must present **the original document, a true copy, and a notarized English translation**. The notarized translation must include a signed statement from the translator that certifies that the translation is true and complete, and that the translator is competent to complete the translation.
- **Payment.** K-1 and K-3 applicants must pay a \$131 visa application fee, payable at any ArmEconBank. Applicants should bring two copies of their payment receipt with them to their visa interview. The Consular Section cannot accept payment for this visa application fee.
- **Tickets.** We strongly advise you not to buy tickets or make any permanent travel arrangements before you receive your visa. The Consular Section cannot guarantee when you will receive your visa.

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS (5 X 5 CM)

Photos for visas should be stapled or glued to the visa application (DS-156). If the photograph is stapled, the staples should be placed as far away as possible from the applicant's face.

The photograph must be 1) 5x5 cm; 2) "Full Face", i.e., one in which the applicant is facing the camera directly with the ears exposed, the face covering about 50 percent photo area; 3) have a white background; and 4) clearly identify the applicant. Head coverings and hats are only acceptable due to religious beliefs. Sunglasses or other paraphernalia are not acceptable, unless required for medical reasons (an eye patch, for example).



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **Application forms DS-156, DS-156K, and DS-230 (2 copies of each).** DS-156 must be filled out online at <http://evisaforms.state.gov>. Do not sign DS-156K before your interview. DS-156K and DS-230 forms can be found at <http://www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms>.
2. **Form DS-157 (2 copies).** All male applicants aged 16 to 45 must complete DS-157, available at <http://www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms>.
3. **Child's DS-156 (2 copies).** If your child is immigrating with you, Form DS-156 must be completed for the child. Your child does not need to complete DS-156K.
4. **Travel passport:** original and two (2) photocopies of all pages which contain information
5. **Birth certificate:** original, photocopy, and English translation**
6. **Marriage certificate (for K-3 applicants only):** original, photocopy, and English translation.**
7. **Evidence of termination of prior marriage(s),** such as divorce certificate (if applicable), death certificate of spouse (if applicable): original, photocopy and English translation.**
8. **Police Certificates:** Applicants aged 16 and over are required to submit police certificates in all names as well as all dates of birth that they have used. Police certificates are available from Armenia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The police certificate must contain references to each place where the applicant has lived for more than six months since the age of 16. This includes localities where applicants lived during university studies. If an applicant has lived abroad for more than one year (excluding in the United States), a police certificate must also be submitted from the country where he/she lived. If not in English, an English translation is required.**
9. **Military Documents:** Men aged 18 and over must present their military booklet or military registration document: original, photocopy and English translation.**
10. **Proof of Relationship:** photos of petitioner and beneficiary together, letters to one another, phone bills, airplane tickets, emails, etc.
11. **Medical Exam Results:** Your medical exam must be conducted by one of the Embassy's panel physicians (see website for additional information). It takes approximately two days to process the results of the medical exam. For more information regarding the medical exam please contact the panel physicians directly.
12. **Color photographs** (see sample on page 1): you must present two (2) 5X5 cm photographs for your visa, and another three (3) 3X4 cm photographs for your medical exam
13. **ArmEconBank receipts** (see page 1 for details)
14. **From the US citizen fiancé(e) or spouse:**
 - **Form I-134 Affidavit of Support: ORIGINAL ONLY.**
 - **Petitioner's prior year 1040 tax form and W2s:** If tax returns are not available, provide transcripts from the IRS.
 - **Evidence of current employment (recent paystubs or work letter).**

***NOTE:** *Presentation of the above documents does not guarantee visa issuance. Additional documents may be required on a case-by-case basis.*

**** Please see page 1 for information about notarized translations.**