

US Diversity visa (Green Card) lottery ends on Jan. 7, 2005

We have been repeatedly asked questions on the issue of how to go and study in the USA. The simple answer is:

1. Study hard to get admitted to a good university in Iran.
2. Get your bachelor with high grades, and possibly a good research project and work experience in Iran.
3. Then you would have much easier time and cheaper way to continue your graduate study abroad.
4. Plan to go back to Iran after getting your graduate degrees or at least keep real and strong ties with your deprived citizens who badly need your help back at home.

We believe that USA, by far, has the best graduate schools in the world in almost any major. Unfortunately it is very difficult, more than ever, to get a US student visa these days let alone an immigrant visa (Green Card). If you can get a Green-Card you become a US permanent resident which means you can not only work in the US but also can travel in and out of US without a need to get a new visa each time. As I mentioned it is very difficult, if not impossible, for an Iranian to get a US Green Card unless you are lucky and your visa lottery number wins! It sounds like a joke but it is true. Every year US holds a Green Card lottery called "Diversity Visa" in order to keep a social balance between the people of different ethnicity who are living in the USA. It is now very easy to enter this lottery and it does not cost you anything because every thing is done through the Internet. But you should make sure to provide them the requested information in the correct format and give special care to the kind of photo they need to avoid disqualification. And finally keep in mind that the deadline is Jan. 7, 2005.

For more details and application go to the official "Green Card Lottery" called:

<http://www.dvlottery.state.gov>

http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types_diversity3.html

http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types_diversity3.html?changed

Instructions for Submitting a Digital Photo (Image)

1. Taking a New Digital Image: If a new digital image is taken, it must meet the following specifications:
Format: JPEG format.

Size: The maximum image file size should be 62,500 bytes

Resolution: 320 pixels high by 240 pixels wide or 240 pixels high by 320 pixels wide.

Image Color Depth: 24-bit color or 8-bit color or 8-bit grayscale.

2. Scanning a Submitted Photograph: Before a photographic print is scanned, it must meet the following specifications:

Print Size: 2 inches by 2 inches (50mm x 50mm) square.

Print Color: The image must be either in color or grayscale. The photographic print must also meet the Compositional Specifications. If the photographic print meets the Print Size, Print Color, and Compositional specifications, scan the print using the following scanner specifications.

Scanner Resolution: Scanned at a resolution of 150 dots per inch (dpi).

Format: The image must be in the Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) format

Size: The maximum image file size will be sixty-two thousand five hundred (62,500) bytes.

Resolution: 300 by 300 pixels

Image Color Depth: 24-bit color or 8-bit color or 8-bit grayscale. [Note: Monochrome images (2-bit color depth) will *not* be accepted.]

Applicants should also enter the following information on the EDV Entry Form.

FULL NAME - Last/Family Name, First Name, Middle name **DATE OF BIRTH** - Day, Month, Year

GENDER - Male or Female **CITY/TOWN OF BIRTH**

COUNTRY OF BIRTH - The name of the country should be that which is currently in use for the place where the applicant was born.

APPLICANT PHOTOGRAPH - See page 2 for information on photo specifications. **MAILING**

ADDRESS - Address, City/Town, District/Country/Province/State, Postal Code/Zip Code, Country

PHONE NUMBER (optional) **E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional)**

COUNTRY OF ELIGIBILITY IF THE APPLICANT'S NATIVE COUNTRY IS DIFFERENT

FROM COUNTRY OF BIRTH - If the applicant is claiming nativity in a country other than his/her place of birth, this information must be indicated on the entry.

MARITAL STATUS - Unmarried, Married, Divorced, Widowed, Legally Separated **NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT ARE UNMARRIED AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE** - Except children that are either U.S. legal permanent residents or American citizens.

SPOUSE INFORMATION - Name, Date of Birth, Gender, City/Town of Birth, Country of Birth, Photograph

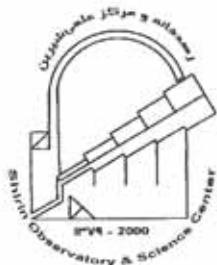
CHILDREN INFORMATION - Name, Date of Birth, Gender, City/Town of Birth, Country of Birth, Photograph

SELECTION PROCESS:

Applicants will be selected at random by computer from among all qualified entries. Those selected will be notified by mail between May and July 2005 and will be provided further instructions, including information on fees connected with immigration to the U.S. Persons not selected will NOT receive any notification. U.S. embassies and consulates will not be able to provide a list of successful applicants. Spouses and unmarried children under age 21 of successful applicants may also apply for visas to accompany or follow to join the principal applicant. DV-2006 visas will be issued between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006.

Note: Photos of applicants wearing head coverings or hats are only acceptable due to religious beliefs, and even then, may not obscure any portion of the face of the applicant.

Please Note that there have been instances of fraudulent websites posing as official U.S. Government sites. Some companies posing as the U.S. Government have sought money in order to "complete" lottery entry forms. There is no charge to download and complete the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form.



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