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U.S. Consular Interview Practice Questions

Free educational material with practice questions about finances, employment, housing, health, education, and supporting documents that could be relevant during a consular interview.

Purpose of this guide

Use these questions to practice and organize your thoughts before the interview. Always answer truthfully and with information you can support.

This is not an official questionnaire or a list of questions confirmed by the government: the consular officer may ask other questions, or none of these. Not every example document is required for every applicant.

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A. Finances and assets

1. How much money do you or your family members who will immigrate have in savings accounts?
2. How will you access that money from the United States?
3. If you are retired, how will you access your retirement funds from the United States?
4. How much money does your petitioner have saved?
5. Do you own property or other assets? Where are they located?
6. What is the value of your assets in U.S. dollars?
7. Do you or your petitioner have debts? What kind of debts, and how are you paying them?
8. Do you understand how Social Security works in the United States? Does your petitioner receive benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA)?
9. Do you understand how public benefits work in the United States? Has your petitioner received public benefits before?
10. Do you have funds available for emergencies?

B. Employment

1. Describe your petitioner's job and how much they earn.
2. Are you currently working? Briefly explain your occupation and annual salary.
3. Do you intend to work in the United States? What kind of work will you do? Who will support you financially while you find a job?
4. Do you have a job offer in the United States?
5. Do you understand what applying for public benefits means? Do you plan to apply for government assistance in the United States?

If you have a joint sponsor:

6. What is your joint sponsor's name?
7. Where does your joint sponsor live?
8. What does your joint sponsor do for a living, and how much do they earn?

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C. Housing and living conditions

1. Where will you live when you arrive in the United States? Will it be temporary or permanent housing?
2. Who will live with you?
3. Who will pick you up, or how will you get around when you arrive?
4. Who will pay your living expenses, such as food, clothing, and activities? You or your petitioner?

D. Health

1. Do you have any chronic medical condition, such as cancer, diabetes, or another health condition?
2. Do you have health insurance? Can you be added to your petitioner's health insurance?
3. If you do not have health insurance, what are your plans to get coverage?
4. Do you have enough funds to cover out-of-pocket medical expenses?

E. Education and skills

1. What is your highest level of education?
2. Are you currently working? Briefly describe your occupation.
3. If you are retired, what did you do before?
4. Do you have professional certificates, licenses, or special recognitions?
5. Do you speak, read, or write English? What do you consider your level of proficiency?
6. Do you plan to study English in the United States?

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Examples of documents that could be relevant, depending on the case

Not all of them are required. Always follow the document list in the official instructions for your interview.

A. Finances and assets

- ☐ Petitioner's most recent tax return.
- ☐ Petitioner's W-2 forms.
- ☐ Petitioner's employment verification letter.
- ☐ Petitioner's pay stubs.
- ☐ Joint sponsor's most recent tax return, if applicable.
- ☐ Joint sponsor's W-2 forms.
- ☐ Joint sponsor's employment letter and pay stubs.
- ☐ Petitioner's bank statements.
- ☐ Documents showing the petitioner's assets.
- ☐ Applicant's bank statements.
- ☐ Documents showing the applicant's assets and their value in U.S. dollars.

B. Employment, education, and skills

- ☐ U.S. job offer letter, if any.
- ☐ Applicant's résumé or professional summary.
- ☐ Proof of retirement, when applicable.
- ☐ Diplomas and academic degrees.
- ☐ Professional certificates and licenses.

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C. Health

- ☐ Proof of health insurance, if any.
- ☐ Information about possible coverage through the petitioner's insurance.
- ☐ Evidence of savings available to cover medical expenses, if relevant.

Notes

Official source

- U.S. Department of State — Prepare for the immigrant visa interview:
  https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/the-immigrant-visa-process/step-10-prepare-for-the-interview.html

Notice

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