

Benefits after being granted Asylum

**Work
Authorization**

**Unrestricted
Social Security Card**

**Green Card
after 1 year**

ORR Benefits

**Family
Reunification**

Benefits

If your asylum case is approved, you will have the status of an “Asylee”.

Asylees are eligible to apply for several benefits, including:

- **Work authorization (Employment Authorization Document, or “EAD”)**
- **Unrestricted Social Security Card**
- **ORR Benefits (Employment services, cash and medical assistance, etc.)**

Asylees are eligible to apply for Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card) after 1 year of receiving asylum.

To apply for your Green Card, you will need to complete the I-485 application. It may take 16-20 months to receive your Green Card after you file the application.

Post-Asylum Family Reunification

- As an Asylee, you may apply for your spouse and children under 21 outside of the US to receive derivative asylum status through a “Follow-to-Join” I-730 Form, Refugee and Asylee Relative Petition. You must file the I-730 within 2 years of your asylum being granted.
- If you do not file the I-730 petition on time, once you receive Lawful Permanent Residence, you may apply for your spouse and children under 21 outside of the US to receive a Green Card through the I-130, Petition for Alien Relative. You may apply for your family members at any time: there is no deadline to apply although your children may age out of the process.