

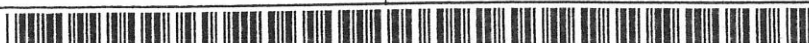
I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

START HERE - Type or print in black ink. See the instructions for information about eligibility and how to complete and file this application. There is NO filing fee for this application.

NOTE: Check this box if you also want to apply for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture.

Part A. I. Information About You

1. Alien Registration Number(s) (A-Number) (if any) none		2. U.S. Social Security Number (if any) none	
3. Complete Last Name		4. First Name	5. Middle Name [REDACTED]
6. What other names have you used (include maiden name and aliases)? [REDACTED]			
7. Residence in the U.S. (where you physically reside)		Telephone Number ()	
Street Number and Name		Apt. Number n/a	
City [REDACTED]	State Massachusetts	Zip Code [REDACTED]	
8. Mailing Address in the U.S. same as above (if different than the address in No. 7) In Care Of (if applicable):		Telephone Number ()	
Street Number and Name		Apt. Number	
City	State	Zip Code	
9. Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female		10. Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
11. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) [REDACTED]		12. City and Country of Birth Fontem, Cameroon	
13. Present Nationality (Citizenship) Cameroon		14. Nationality at Birth Cameroon	15. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group African
		16. Religion Catholic	
17. Check the box, a through c, that applies: a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have never been in Immigration Court proceedings. b. <input type="checkbox"/> I am now in Immigration Court proceedings. c. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not now in Immigration Court proceedings, but I have been in the past.			
18. Complete 18 a through c. a. When did you last leave your country? (mmm/dd/yyyy) 09/11/2007 b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any? [REDACTED] c. List each entry into the U.S. beginning with your most recent entry. List date (mm/dd/yyyy), place, and your status for each entry. (Attach additional sheets as needed.) Date [REDACTED] Place Chicago, IL Status B-1/B-2 Visa Date Status Expires: [REDACTED] Date _____ Place _____ Status _____ Date _____ Place _____ Status _____			
19. What country issued your last passport or travel document? Cameroon		20. Passport # [REDACTED] Travel Document # N/A	21. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy) [REDACTED]
22. What is your native language (include dialect, if applicable)? English, Nweh For EOIR use only.		23. Are you fluent in English? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		24. What other languages do you speak fluently? French	
		For USCIS use only. Decision: Approval Date: _____ Denial Date: _____ Referral Date: _____ Interview Date: _____ Asylum Officer ID#: _____	



Part A. II. Information About Your Spouse and Children

Your spouse I am not married. (Skip to **Your Children** below.)

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) N/A		2. Passport/ID Card No. (if any) N/A		3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ██████████		4. U.S. Social Security No. (if any) N/A	
5. Complete Last Name ██████████			6. First Name ██████████		7. Middle Name N/A		8. Maiden Name N/A
9. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy) ██████████			10. Place of Marriage Fontem, Cameroon		11. City and Country of Birth Fontem, Cameroon		
12. Nationality (Citizenship) Cameroon			13. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group African		14. Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
15. Is this person in the U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete Blocks 16 to 24.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Specify location): Cameroon							
16. Place of last entry into the U.S. N/A		17. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		18. I-94 No. (if any) N/A		19. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any) N/A	
20. What is your spouse's current status? N/A		21. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		22. Is your spouse in Immigration Court proceedings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		23. If previously in the U.S., date of previous arrival (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A	
24. If in the U.S., is your spouse to be included in this application? (Check the appropriate box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Attach one photograph of your spouse in the upper right corner of Page 9 on the extra copy of the application submitted for this person.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No							

Your Children. List all of your children, regardless of age, location, or marital status.

I do not have any children. (Skip to Part A. III., Information about your background.)

I have children. Total number of children: 8

(NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement A or attach additional sheets of paper and documentation if you have more than four children.)

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) N/A		2. Passport/ID Card No. (if any) N/A		3. Marital Status (Married, Single, Divorced, Widowed) Single		4. U.S. Social Security No. (if any) N/A	
5. Complete Last Name ██████████			6. First Name ██████████		7. Middle Name ██████████		8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ██████████
9. City and Country of Birth Fontem, Cameroon			10. Nationality (Citizenship) Cameroon		11. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group African		12. Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
13. Is this child in the U.S. ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete Blocks 14 to 21.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Specify location.) Cameroon							
14. Place of last entry into the U.S. N/A		15. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		16. I-94 No. (if any) N/A		17. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any) N/A	
18. What is your child's current status? N/A		19. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		20. Is your child in Immigration Court proceedings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
21. If in the U.S., is this child to be included in this application? (Check the appropriate box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Attach one photograph of your child in the upper right corner of Page 9 on the extra copy of the application submitted for this person.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No							



Part A. II. Information About Your Spouse and Children (Continued)

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) N/A		2. Passport/ID Card No. (if any) N/A		3. Marital Status (Married, Single, Divorced, Widowed) Single		4. U.S. Social Security No. (if any) N/A	
5. Complete Last Name ██████████		6. First Name ██████████		7. Middle Name ██████████		8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ██████████	
9. City and Country of Birth Fontem, Cameroon		10. Nationality (Citizenship) Cameroon		11. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group African		12. Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	
13. Is this child in the U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete Blocks 14 to 21.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Specify location.) Cameroon							
14. Place of last entry into the U.S. N/A		15. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		16. I-94 No. (If any) N/A		17. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any) N/A	
18. What is your child's current status? N/A		19. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		20. Is your child in Immigration Court proceedings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

21. If in the U.S., is this child to be included in this application? (Check the appropriate box.)
 Yes (Attach one photograph of your child in the upper right corner of Page 9 on the extra copy of the application submitted for this person.)
 No

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) N/A		2. Passport/ID Card No. (if any) N/A		3. Marital Status (Married, Single, Divorced, Widowed) Single		4. U.S. Social Security No. (if any) N/A	
5. Complete Last Name ██████████		6. First Name ██████████		7. Middle Name N/A		8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ██████████	
9. City and Country of Birth Fontem, Cameroon		10. Nationality (Citizenship) Cameroon		11. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group African		12. Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
13. Is this child in the U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete Blocks 14 to 21.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Specify location.) Cameroon							
14. Place of last entry into the U.S. N/A		15. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		16. I-94 No. (If any) N/A		17. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any) N/A	
18. What is your child's current status? N/A		19. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		20. Is your child in Immigration Court proceedings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

21. If in the U.S., is this child to be included in this application? (Check the appropriate box.)
 Yes (Attach one photograph of your child in the upper right corner of Page 9 on the extra copy of the application submitted for this person.)
 No

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5. Complete Last Name ██████████		6. First Name ██████████		7. Middle Name ██████████		8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ██████████	
9. City and Country of Birth Fontem, Cameroon		10. Nationality (Citizenship) Cameroon		11. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group African		12. Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
13. Is this child in the U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete Blocks 14 to 21.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Specify location.) Cameroon							
14. Place of last entry into the U.S. N/A		15. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		16. I-94 No. (if any) N/A		17. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any) N/A	
18. What is your child's current status? N/A		19. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A		20. Is your child in Immigration Court proceedings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

21. If in the U.S., is this child to be included in this application? (Check the appropriate box.)
 Yes (Attach one photograph of your child in the upper right corner of Page 9 on the extra copy of the application submitted for this person.)
 No



Part A. III. Information About Your Background

1. List your last address where you lived before coming to the United States. If this is not the country where you fear persecution, also list the last address in the country where you fear persecution. (List Address, City/Town, Department, Province, or State and Country.)
 (NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement B, or additional sheets of paper, if necessary.)

Number and Street (Provide if available)	City/Town	Department, Province, or State	Country	Dates	
				From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)
Unknown	[REDACTED]	Centre	Cameroon	08/2007	09/2007

2. Provide the following information about your residences during the past 5 years. List your present address first.
 (NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement B, or additional sheets of paper, if necessary.)

Number and Street	City/Town	Department, Province, or State	Country	Dates	
				From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Massachusetts	U.S.A.	12/08	present
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Washington	U.S.A.	09/07	12/08
Unknown	[REDACTED]	Centre	Cameroon	08/07	09/07
Unknown	[REDACTED]	Littoral	Cameroon	12/06	08/07
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Littoral	Cameroon	01/87	12/06

3. Provide the following information about your education, beginning with the most recent.
 (NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement B, or additional sheets of paper, if necessary.)

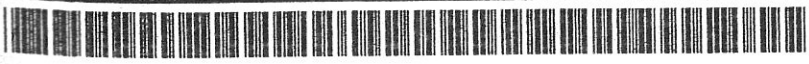
Name of School	Type of School	Location (Address)	Attended	
			From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)
[REDACTED]	Primary School	[REDACTED] Cameroon	01/70	01/78

4. Provide the following information about your employment during the past 5 years. List your present employment first.
 (NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement B, or additional sheets of paper, if necessary.)

Name and Address of Employer	Your Occupation	Dates	
		From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)
Self-Employed - [REDACTED] Cameroon	Market Owner/Proprietor	01/92	12/06

5. Provide the following information about your parents and siblings (brothers and sisters). Check the box if the person is deceased.
 (NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement B, or additional sheets of paper, if necessary.)

Full Name	City/Town and Country of Birth	Current Location	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Mother [REDACTED]	Fontem, Cameroon	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	Fontem, Cameroon
Father [REDACTED]	Fontem, Cameroon	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	Fontem, Cameroon
Sibling [REDACTED]	Fontem, Cameroon	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	Fontem, Cameroon
Sibling [REDACTED]	Fontem, Cameroon	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	Kumba, Cameroon
Sibling [REDACTED]	Fontem, Cameroon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Sibling [REDACTED]	Fontem, Cameroon	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	Maroua, Cameroon



Part B. Information About Your Application

(NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement B, or attach additional sheets of paper as needed to complete your responses to the questions contained in Part B.)

When answering the following questions about your asylum or other protection claim (withholding of removal under 241(b)(3) of the INA or withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture), you must provide a detailed and specific account of the basis of your claim to asylum or other protection. To the best of your ability, provide specific dates, places, and descriptions about each event or action described. You must attach documents evidencing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum or other protection and the specific facts on which you are relying to support your claim. If this documentation is unavailable or you are not providing this documentation with your application, explain why in your responses to the following questions.

Refer to Instructions, Part 1: Filing Instructions, Section II, "Basis of Eligibility," Parts A - D, Section V, "Completing the Form," Part B, and Section VII, "Additional Evidence That You Should Submit," for more information on completing this section of the form.

1. Why are you applying for asylum or withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA, or for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture? Check the appropriate box(es) below and then provide detailed answers to questions A and B below:

I am seeking asylum or withholding of removal based on:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership in a particular social group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Torture Convention |

- A. Have you, your family, or close friends or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone?

No Yes

If "Yes," explain in detail:

1. What happened;
2. When the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred;
3. Who caused the harm or mistreatment or threats; and
4. Why you believe the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred.

I was arrested, imprisoned and tortured multiple times by the Cameroonian authorities because of my membership and my participation in the activities of the Southern Cameroon National Council (SCNC). The SCNC works to advance a peaceful movement in Cameroon to fight against injustices committed against and the dehumanization of Anglophone Cameroonians. Please see my affidavit, to be provided on or before the day of the hearing.

- B. Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country?

No Yes

If "Yes," explain in detail:

1. What harm or mistreatment you fear;
2. Who you believe would harm or mistreat you; and
3. Why you believe you would or could be harmed or mistreated.

Based on my prior experiences, I believe that if I were to return to Cameroon, I would be arrested, tortured and likely killed because of my membership in and my participation in the activities of the SCNC. Please see my affidavit, to be provided on or before the day of the hearing.



Part B. Information About Your Application (Continued)

2. Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States?

No Yes

If "Yes," explain the circumstances and reasons for the action.

I was arrested, detained and interrogated on three occasions by the Cameroonian authorities, because of my membership in and my participation in the activities of the SCNC. Please see my affidavit, to be provided on or before the day of the hearing.

3.A. Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups in your home country, such as, but not limited to, a political party, student group, labor union, religious organization, military or paramilitary group, civil patrol, guerrilla organization, ethnic group, human rights group, or the press or media?

No Yes

If "Yes," describe for each person the level of participation, any leadership or other positions held, and the length of time you or your family members were involved in each organization or activity.

I am a member of the Southern Cameroon National Council (SCNC). I participated in demonstrations and meetings sponsored by the SCNC and distributed pamphlets, in support of its efforts to fight the dehumanization of Anglophone Cameroonians. I also permitted the SCNC to hold meetings and gatherings at my place of business in Cameroon. Please see my affidavit, to be provided on or before the day of the hearing.

B. Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in these organizations or groups?

No Yes

If "Yes," describe for each person your or your family members' current level of participation, any leadership or other positions currently held, and the length of time you or your family members have been involved in each organization or group.

I am still a member of the SCNC. Please see my affidavit, to be provided on or before the day of the hearing.

4. Are you afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned?

No Yes

If "Yes," explain why you are afraid and describe the nature of torture you fear, by whom, and why it would be inflicted.

I was arrested, imprisoned and tortured multiple times by the Cameroonian authorities because of my membership in and my participation in the activities of the SCNC. I know that if I return to Cameroon, I will be arrested again, imprisoned, tortured and likely killed by the Cameroonian authorities. Please see my affidavit, to be provided on or before the day of the hearing.



Part C. Additional Information About Your Application

(NOTE: Use Form I-589 Supplement B, or attach additional sheets of paper as needed to complete your responses to the questions contained in Part C.)

1. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents or your siblings ever applied to the U.S. Government for refugee status, asylum, or withholding of removal?

No Yes

If "Yes," explain the decision and what happened to any status you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents, or your siblings received as a result of that decision. Indicate whether or not you were included in a parent or spouse's application. If so, include your parent or spouse's A-number in your response. If you have been denied asylum by an immigration judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals, describe any change(s) in conditions in your country or your own personal circumstances since the date of the denial that may affect your eligibility for asylum.

[Empty response box for question 1]

2. A. After leaving the country from which you are claiming asylum, did you or your spouse or child(ren) who are now in the United States travel through or reside in any other country before entering the United States?

No Yes

B. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for or received any lawful status in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum?

No Yes

If "Yes" to either or both questions (2A and/or 2B), provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so.

Yes, my flight had a short layover in Switzerland on route to the United States. I did not leave the airport and was there for less than one hour. Please see my affidavit, to be provided on or before the day of the hearing.

[Response text for question 2B]

3. Have you, your spouse or your child(ren) ever ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in causing harm or suffering to any person because of his or her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or belief in a particular political opinion?

No Yes

If "Yes," describe in detail each such incident and your own, your spouse's, or your child(ren)'s involvement.

[Empty response box for question 3]



Part C. Additional Information About Your Application (Continued)

4. After you left the country where you were harmed or fear harm, did you return to that country?

No Yes

If "Yes," describe in detail the circumstances of your visit(s) (for example, the date(s) of the trip(s), the purpose(s) of the trip(s), and the length of time you remained in that country for the visit(s).)

5. Are you filing this application more than 1 year after your last arrival in the United States?

No Yes

If "Yes," explain why you did not file within the first year after you arrived. You must be prepared to explain at your interview or hearing why you did not file your asylum application within the first year after you arrived. For guidance in answering this question, see Instructions, Part I: Filing Instructions, Section V. "Completing the Form," Part C.

Since my arrival in the United States, I have been suffering from severe Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder because of the horrible torture and abuses I suffered at the hands of the Cameroonian authorities. In addition, I have experienced other crippling physical health problems. Because of the severity of these mental and physical health problems, I was unable to file my asylum application within one year of my arrival in the United States.

6. Have you or any member of your family included in the application ever committed any crime and/or been arrested, charged, convicted, or sentenced for any crimes in the United States?

No Yes

If "Yes," for each instance, specify in your response: what occurred and the circumstances, dates, length of sentence received, location, the duration of the detention or imprisonment, reason(s) for the detention or conviction, any formal charges that were lodged against you or your relatives included in your application, and the reason(s) for release. Attach documents referring to these incidents, if they are available, or an explanation of why documents are not available.

