

I-130 Step-by-Step Visa Processing

If the Petitioner is a Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card Holder)

Beneficiary: Spouse and unmarried children under 21

If Petitioner is a U.S. Citizen

Beneficiary: Spouse, married and unmarried children, parents, and siblings

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Step 6



Petitioner submits I-130 to USCIS



If approved, USCIS sends I-130 to NVC



Pay Application Fee and Affidavit of Support Fee



Petitioner submits
Affidavit of
Support
Form I-864



Financial sponsor gathers evidence of finances



Beneficiary completes online application DS-260

Step 7

Step 8

Step 9

Step 10

Step 11

Step 12



Collect civil Documents



Scan and save all documents to Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) profile



Submit all documents via CEAC profile



Prepare for the interview and ensure all steps are completed



All beneficiaries on the application attend an interview



If approved, beneficiaries travel to the petitioner's location

Petitioner



Beneficiary



Petitioner and Beneficiary

For more information, please visit:

https://www.uscis.gov/i-130

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/the-immigrant-visa-process/step-1-submit-a-petition.html