I-730 Step-by-Step Visa Processing

If the Petitioner is a Refugee, Asylee, or a Lawful Permanent Resident who was previously a Refugee or Asylee Principal Applicant

Beneficiary: Spouse and unmarried children under 21

Step 1: Petitioner submits I-730 to USCIS

Step 2: If approved, USCIS sends I-730 to the National Visa Center (NVC)

Step 3: All beneficiaries on the application attend an interview at a U.S. Consulate overseas

Step 4: U.S. official approves or denies the case

Step 5: If approved, refugee beneficiaries undergo sponsorship assurance by a resettlement agency

Step 6: U.S. official provides boarding foil to beneficiaries

Step 7: Refugee beneficiaries travel to the US with the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Step 8: Families reunite after beneficiaries go through Customs and Border Protection (CBP) interview

For more information, please visit:
https://www.uscis.gov/i-730