

# 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

**Petitioner**

**Beneficiary**

**Petitioner and Beneficiary**

**For more information, please visit:**

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-730>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/follow-to-join-refugees-and-asylees.html>