

On June 18, 2024, President Biden issued an executive order to provide assistance to noncitizen spouses and children of U.S. citizens using an existing immigration process called Parole-in-Place. Upon its implementation, the program is expected to help over 500,000 individuals across the country apply for Lawful Permanent Residence without having to leave the United States.

Keeping Families Together: Parole-In-Place Application

In order to apply for Parole-In-Place, you must file Form I-131F with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). You can only file Form I-131F online, and you must file a separate Form I-131F for each person seeking parole in place.

Who May File Form I-131F?

A noncitizen spouse or stepchild of a U.S. citizen may request parole in place if they:

- Are present in the United States with admission or parole;
- Have been continuously physically present in the United States;
 - Since June 17, 2014, if seeking parole in place as the spouse of a U.S. citizen; or
 - Since June 17, 2024, if seeking parole in place as the stepchild of a U.S. citizen;
- Have:
 - A legally valid marriage to a U.S. citizen as of June 17, 2024, if seeking parole in place as the spouse of a U.S. citizen; or
 - A noncitizen parent who had a legally valid marriage to a U.S. citizen on or before June 17, 2024, and before the stepchild's 18th birthday, if seeking parole in place as the stepchild of a U.S. citizen;
- Do not have any disqualifying criminal history; and
- Do not pose a threat to national security and public safety.

Application Information

- **Form Name:** Form I-131F Application for Parole in Place for Certain Noncitizen Spouses and Stepchildren of U.S. Citizens
- **Form Filing Fee:** The fee to apply is \$580. No fee waivers or fee exemptions are available for this process at this time.
- **Application Start Date:** August 19, 2024
- **How to File:** Online applications are available at my.uscis.gov or through the QR code below. Paper-based applications sent to USCIS by mail will be rejected (not accepted or receipted).



Our office is ready to assist and serve as a resource. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this program and its requirements, reach out to our Las Vegas District Office at 702-220-9823 to speak with an immigration caseworker and receive the most up-to-date information.

Information Required to Apply for Form I-131F with USCIS

When you prepare to file online, you should be ready to provide basic information, including:

- Your full name, and any other names you have used;
- Current mailing address and your physical address (if different);
- Your phone number and any email address you use;
- Birth date;
- Your Alien Registration Number (A-Number), if any;
- Your country of birth and your country of citizenship;
- Gender;
- Marital status (including the date of your marriage, if any);
- U.S. Social Security number (if any);
- USCIS online account number (if any); and
- Biographical information including your height, weight, hair and eye color, and your race and ethnicity.

If a preparer or interpreter helps you complete your request, you will need to provide basic information about that person.

Required Documentation List for Form I-131F Filing

Evidence of Your Identity:

You must provide a copy of an official photo identity document showing your photo, name, and date of birth. Acceptable documents include:

- A valid government-issued driver's license;
- A passport identity page;
- Any national identity document from your country of origin bearing your photo;
- Any school-issued form of identification with photo; or
- Any other official identity document with a photo.

The copy you provide must clearly show the photo and identity information. Expired documents are acceptable.

Required Documentation List for Form I-131F Filing (continued)

Evidence of Your Relationship:

You must provide evidence you are the spouse or stepchild of the U.S. citizen.

To do this, you could provide:

- A marriage certificate;
- Documentation of termination of your and your spouse's/stepparent's previous marriages, if any;
- Birth certificate with your noncitizen parent's name, if you are filing as the stepchild of a U.S. citizen; or
- Death certificate of your U.S. citizen spouse/stepparent or your noncitizen parent, if applicable.

Evidence of Your Spouse / Stepparent's Citizenship:

You must provide evidence that your spouse or stepparent is a U.S. citizen.

This could be a copy of their:

- U.S. birth certificate;
- Naturalization Certificate;
- Certificate of Citizenship;
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad;
or
- U.S. passport.

Evidence Regarding Criminal Charges:

If you have been arrested for or charged with any felony or misdemeanor in the United States, or a crime in any country other than the United States, you must submit evidence demonstrating the results of the arrest or charges brought against you. You do not need to submit documentation about minor traffic violations such as driving without a license unless they were alcohol- or drug-related.

Other Evidence:

You can submit any additional evidence demonstrating the significant public benefit or urgent humanitarian reasons that warrant granting you parole and evidence of any additional favorable discretionary factors that you would like USCIS to consider, including any information that may be considered in overcoming a rebuttable presumption of ineligibility.

Required Documentation List for Form I-131F Filing (continued)

Evidence of Physical Presence:

You must provide evidence of your continual physical presence in the United States. To show this, you could submit:

- Any Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or DHS document stating your date of entry (for example, Form I-862, Notice to Appear);
- Rent receipts, utility bills, or receipts/letters from companies showing the dates during which you received service. You may submit this even if it only has the name of your parents/guardians, as long as you also submit other evidence that shows your presence at that address;
- Tax returns, tax transcripts, or tax receipts;
- School records (transcripts/report cards) from the schools that you have attended in the United States, showing the names of the schools and the periods you attended;
- Hospital/medical records concerning treatment or hospitalization, showing the names of the medical facilities of physicians and the dates of the treatment or hospitalization;
- Official records from a religious entity in the United States confirming that you participated in a religious ceremony, rite, or passage;
- Attestations by religious entities, unions, or other organizations to your physical presence; or
- Other documents such as: money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country; birth certificates of children born in the U.S.; dated records of bank transactions; automobile license receipts, title, vehicle registration, etc.; deeds, mortgages, rental agreements; contracts to which you have been a party; insurance policies; receipts; or any other document you believe is relevant.

You must submit evidence that establishes your continuous physical presence for the entire period required, but you do not need to submit documentation for every day, week, or month within that period. USCIS will evaluate the totality of the evidence to determine whether you have established continuous physical presence for the required period.