

PREPARING FOR THE APPLICATION

While the DHS is not currently accepting applications, interested individuals can start preparing by gathering necessary documentation to prove their eligibility. Here are some steps to take:

- **Marriage Evidence:** Collect evidence of a legally valid marriage to a U.S. citizen as of June 17, 2024, such as a marriage certificate.
- **Proof of Identity:** Gather documentation of proof of identity, including expired documents like a valid state or country driver's license, birth certificate with photo identification, valid passport, or any government-issued document with the applicant's name, date of birth, and photo.
- **Spouse's U.S. Citizenship:** Provide evidence of your spouse's U.S. citizenship, such as a passport, birth certificate, or Certificate of Naturalization.
- **Continuous Presence:** Compile documentation to establish continuous presence in the U.S. for at least ten years, such as rent receipts, utility bills, school records, hospital or medical records, attestations by religious entities, money order receipts, birth certificates of U.S.-born children, dated bank transactions, automobile license receipts, deeds, mortgages, rental agreements, insurance policies, or tax returns.