



PROCESSES FOR CUBANS, HAITIANS, NICARAGUANS, AND VENEZUELAN

The U.S. government has established free online processes that provide a lawful and streamlined way for qualifying nationals of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, and their immediate family members, to come to the United States for a temporary period of up to 2 years. The process was announced for Venezuelans on Oct. 12, 2022, and for Cubans, Haitians, and Nicaraguans on Jan. 5, 2023. Complete information and answers to frequently asked questions are available online, in multiple languages, at uscis.gov/CHNV.

KEY STEPS IN THESE PROCESSES

- STEP 1** A U.S.-based supporter will electronically submit to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a Form I-134A, Online Request to be a Supporter and Declaration of Financial Support, for each beneficiary they wish to support.
- STEP 2** If USCIS confirms a Form I-134A, USCIS will email the beneficiary with instructions to create a free online account and receive next steps.
- STEP 3** The beneficiary will then receive instructions through their free USCIS online account (myaccount.uscis.gov/users/sign_up) on how to submit their biographic information to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) One mobile app.
- STEP 4** The beneficiary will be notified through their USCIS online account if travel is authorized. Travel authorizations are valid for 90 days, and beneficiaries are responsible for their travel to a U.S. airport.
- STEP 5** Beneficiaries will be inspected on a case-by-case basis upon arrival and undergo additional screening and vetting to be considered for parole.
- STEP 6** Individuals granted parole on a case-by-case basis under these processes will generally be allowed into the U.S. for a period of up to 2 years and can apply for work authorization at uscis.gov/I-765.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Supporter

Supporters must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident, in a lawful immigration status in the United States, or a parolee or beneficiary of deferred action or Deferred Enforced Departure;
- Pass security and background vetting; and
- Demonstrate sufficient financial resources to receive, maintain, and support the proposed beneficiary for the 2-year parole period.

Beneficiary

To be eligible to seek parole under these processes, each beneficiary must:

- Be outside the United States;
- Be a national of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, or Venezuela, or be an immediate family member (spouse, common-law partner, or unmarried child under the age of 21) of and traveling with an eligible Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, or Venezuelan;
- Have a U.S.-based supporter who filed a USCIS-confirmed Form I-134A on their behalf;
- Possess an unexpired passport valid for international travel;
- Be traveling with a parent or legal guardian if under age 18;
- Comply with all requirements, including vaccination and other public health guidelines;
- Not have unlawfully crossed the Mexican or Panamanian border after the process was announced;
- Not have unlawfully crossed into the U.S. after the process was announced (individuals with a single instance of voluntary departure or withdrawal of their application for admission remain eligible);
- Not have been ordered removed from the U.S. within the prior five years or not be subject to a bar of admissibility based on a prior removal order; and
- If Cuban or Haitian, not have been interdicted at sea after April 28, 2023.

BEWARE OF SCAMS

There are no fees to be a supporter or a beneficiary for these processes. Beneficiaries do not need to repay, reimburse, work for, serve, marry, or otherwise compensate their supporter in exchange for their support. Beware of any scams or potential exploitation by anyone, including notaries or individuals posing as government officials, who asks for money associated with this process. See uscis.gov/avoid-scams for more information.

Call the 24-hour National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or report an emergency to law enforcement by calling 911. Trafficking victims, whether or not they are U.S. citizens, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.