



Inviting Family & Friends to Visit in the United States

Family, relatives, and friends that plan to visit you in the U.S. will most likely need to apply for a tourist visa (B 1/B2 visa). B1/B2 visa requirements vary among embassies. You can search for your embassy at www.usembassy.gov and discover the requirements for your family and friends.

One consistent requirement is an invitation letter from the individual they are visiting. Because California State University, Stanislaus, does not sponsor B 1/B2 visas, the letter you need does not come from the Office of International Education. You need to provide your family and friends with a Letter of Invitation written by you. **With your invitation letter you should also supply a transcript, enrollment verification letter and a copy of your (I-20 or DS-2019).** Check with the embassy that the visa will be obtained through to make sure that they do not require any additional documents.

Below is an example/template letter for you to follow:

(Date)

RE: Visa Request for (Family members' names)

Dear United States Embassy, (Country):

I, (Student's name), am an F-1 visa student in excellent standing at California State University, Stanislaus. Following my final semester, I will complete my undergraduate studies and receive a Bachelor's Degree. The graduation ceremony will be held on the California State University, Stanislaus campus on (Date, Example: Friday, May 21, 2011).

My father, (name) and mother, (name) would like to travel to Turlock, California to attend my graduation ceremony. As an F-1 visa holder, I would appreciate any courtesy you could extend in granting their visas to make this visit to the United States possible. My parents intend on staying for two weeks from the end of May to the second week of June 2011. They will stay at (my residence or other location) during the duration of their visit. The costs of their visit will be covered by (financial information). Please see the attached financial documentation for more details.

A transcript, enrollment verification letter and a copy of my (I-20 or DS-2019) are attached as proof of my enrollment at California State University, Stanislaus.

Sincerely,
(Student's Name)

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