This information is provided by End Violence Against Women (EVAW) International as a way to assist you in understanding the VISA process. It is in no way a guarantee that you will obtain a VISA, and EVAW International cannot assist you in obtaining your VISA. Also, we are not able to provide financial support to assist you with your application fee, accommodations and/or travel expenses.


If you have internet access, you may want to go to http://www.state.gov/r/ pa/obs/vid/36172.htm and watch the video which will explain new visa policies and procedures for visitors to the United States. You may also go to http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/ - where you will find the latest information about the different types of visas, the fee for your visa application, and where to pay your fee. You can complete and print the forms from the unitedstatesvisas.gov website or visit the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate for assistance.

To apply for a visa, you must complete an application, and in most cases be interviewed at the United States Embassy or consulate in your country.

If you need to be interviewed, you can schedule your interview appointment at the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate as soon as you know you are traveling to the United States.

You can also reconfirm the application fee and find out how to pay your visa application fee. Application fees should be paid prior to your personal appearance at the United States Embassy or Consulate.

Stricter security measures now require that your application undergo a more thorough inspection than in the past. At your interview, your two index fingers will therefore be scanned by a special, inkless digital scanner. First your left index finger will be scanned, followed by your right index finger.

While most visas are delivered within a week, in some cases, these stricter security measures may add several weeks to the processing time for your visa application, so please add extra time in planning your trip.

**Be prepared.** You must submit a variety of documents to support your visa application, and if an interview is required, you may need to bring these documents to your interview. **These documents include: a valid passport, your visa application, a receipt for your application fee, and one photograph.** In addition, you may need to present documents to assist you in demonstrating personal ties to your home country, such as proof of employment, your financial status, property ownership, as well as the reason for your visit to the United States. You may even be asked to bring personal financial documents.

As a visitor to the United States, you must demonstrate that you intend to return home by providing information about your ties to your country, including your financial and employment status.

A very small percentage of visa applications may undergo further review by officials in Washington, D.C. For cases that are reviewed, waiting times vary, but most are processed within a few weeks. However, your application does not guarantee you will be issued a visa.

The United States of America welcomes legitimate visitors from around the world, and these security measures are necessary both for the protection of our visitors and our citizens. Please remember that regulations and registration procedures may change over time to accommodate our future environment. Feel free to log on to http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/ or call the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate for the most current information about travel requirements.

Thank you for selecting the United States as your destination.