

Inviting Relatives and Friends: B-2 Tourist Visa

If you would like to invite your relatives or friends to visit for a short time on a B-2 visitor visa, you may provide them with the following:

1. An invitation letter, written by YOU in English, stating that you would like to invite the person for a visit. The letter should include:
 - a. Your name, school, and relationship to the applicant (e.g., father, friend)
 - b. Name of the applicant, applicants place of birth, date of birth
 - c. Dates of expected visit to the United States, duration of visit, purpose of visit (e.g., to attend graduation)
 - d. Whether you will provide financial support for the applicant's visit or if they will be staying at your home, that you will provide room and board for the applicant.
2. Copy of your class schedule.
3. Copies of your I-20 or DS-2019, visa stamp and I-94.
4. Copies of your proof of financial support, such as bank statements, assistantship letters, and/or personal bank statements if you stated that you would provide financial support for the applicant during his/her stay in the U.S.

Your family members or friends should also bring “proof of ties” to home country with them when they apply for the visa at the U.S. consulate, such as:

- Copies of deeds to any property they own at home
- Bank statements of any accounts they maintain at home
- Letter from their employer

SAMPLE LETTER OF INVITATION

(Date)

Non-Immigrant Visa Officer

United States (Consulate or Embassy)

(City), (Country)

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is (your name) and I am a (F-1, J- 1, etc.) student at the University of New Orleans in New Orleans, Louisiana, pursuing a (bachelor's, master's, etc.) degree in (field of study).

I wish to invite the following individuals to visit me in New Orleans for the period of _____ to

_____:

First Name, LAST NAME (as in passport), City and Country of Birth, Date of Birth, Relationship to you.

They will be attending my commencement ceremony (or explain other reason for visit).

My guests will stay at (residence, or other location) during the duration of their visit, and the costs of their visit will be covered by (financial information). Please see the attached financial documentation for more details.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration of the attached visa application.

Sincerely,

Your signature

Your name in print