

Instructions

How Should I Complete This Form?

- Print clearly or type your answers using CAPITAL letters.
- Use black or blue ink.
- If you need extra space to answer any item:
 - Attach a separate sheet of paper (or more sheets if necessary);
 - Write your name, U.S. Social Security number and the words "Form I-864A" on the top right corner of the sheet; and
 - Write the number and subject of each question for which you are providing additional information.

What Is This Form?

Form I-864A, Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member, is an attachment to Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act. It is an optional form, completed and signed by two individuals: a sponsor who is completing Form I-864, and a household member who is promising to make his or her income and/or assets available to the sponsor to help support the sponsored immigrant(s). The combined signing of this form constitutes an agreement that the household member is responsible along with the sponsor for the support of the individual(s) named in this form.

A separate Form I-864A must be used for each household member whose income and/or assets are being used by a sponsor to qualify. This form must be submitted simultaneously with Form I-864.

Form I-864A may only be used when a sponsor's income and assets do not meet the income requirements of Form I-864 and the qualifying household member chooses to combine his or her resources with the income and/or assets of a sponsor to meet the requirements. The obligations of the household member under this contract terminate when the obligations of the sponsor under the Affidavit of Support terminate.

For additional information, see section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and part 213a of title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations. For more information about Form I-864, or to obtain related forms please contact:

- The USCIS website (www.uscis.gov);
- The National Customer Service Center (NCSC) telephone line at 1-800-375-5283 TTY: (1-800-767-1833); or
- Your local USCIS office by using InfoPass.

What Is a Sponsor?

A "sponsor" is a person, either the petitioning relative, a relative with a significant ownership interest in the petitioning entity, a substitute in the case of a deceased petitioner, or another person accepting joint and several liability with the sponsor, who completes and files Form I-864, Affidavit of Support under Section 213A of the Act on behalf of an intending immigrant. A sponsor must be an individual and may not be an enterprise, a business, or any other type of organization.

Who May Be Considered a "Household Member" for Purposes of This Form?

For purposes of this form, a "household member" is:

- A relative who has the same principal residence as the sponsor and is related to the sponsor as a spouse, adult child, parent, or sibling;
- A relative or other person whom the sponsor has lawfully claimed as a dependent on the sponsor's most recent Federal income tax return even if that person does not live at the same residence as the sponsor;
- The intending immigrant, in certain circumstances. (See "How Can the Intending Immigrant Be Considered a Household Member"?)

How Can the Intending Immigrant Be Considered a Household Member?

Listed below are two ways that the intending immigrant may be considered to be a household member for the purposes of pooling income with the sponsor to meet the Affidavit of Support requirements:

- The intending immigrant has the same principal residence as the sponsor and the intending immigrant can establish that his or her income will continue from the same source, even after acquisition of permanent residence.
- The intending immigrant is the sponsor's spouse and the intending immigrant can show that his or her income will continue from the same source after acquisition of permanent residence.

Why Does a Household Member Complete This Form?

A household member completes this form if the household member's income and/or assets will be used to demonstrate the sponsor's ability to meet the income requirements and to maintain the sponsored immigrant at an annual income at the level specified in section 213A(f)(1)(E) or 213A(f)(3) of the Act.