



DOCUMENT CHECKLIST: VAWA

Proof of the abuser's status as a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident.

- U.S. Birth Certificate; **or**
- Biographic page and all stamped pages in U.S. passport; **or**
- Certificate of Naturalization; **or**
- Certificate of Citizenship; **or**
- Green card

Two (2) identical passport-style photographs (2x2 inches or 51x51mm) (if filing for a work authorization document);

There is no filing fee for this application

If your application is based on marriage to a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident, please provide proof the marriage was legitimate, and proof that you resided with the U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident abuser

- Marriage Certificate and divorce decrees;
- Jointly filed tax returns (if these exist);
- Joint checking and saving account statements (if these exist);
- Joint health and automobile insurance policies, or other rental records showing that you resided together (if these exist);
- Joint mortgage or lease agreements (if these exist);
- Joint utility bills (if these exist);
- Joint credit card statements (if these exist);
- Birth certificates of your children (if applicable);
- School records showing that you resided together (if these exist);
- Hospital or medical records showing that you resided together (if these exist)

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- Call logs or samples of text, Skype, emails, letters, and other forms of communication between you and the U.S. citizen/LPR abuser (screenshots);
 - Family photos of you and the U.S. citizen/LPR abuser together;
 - Sworn declarations from friends and family (if possible - example template attached);
 - State issued driver's license for you and the U.S. citizen/LPR abuser (if you can access it).

Proof of abuse or extreme cruelty;

- Police reports;
- Hospital records;
- DHS or social worker records;
- Court issued protection orders;
- Declarations from applicant, friends, and family;
- Photographs of injuries;
- Mental health evaluation;
- Counseling records

Police Clearance Letter (If you are over 14 years old):

- Police clearance letter from every state in which you have resided for six months or more during the three years before your application

*Note: This list is not necessarily exhaustive. The goal is to prove that your marriage is/was genuine and that you were the victim of abuse and/or extreme cruelty