

# Diversity Lottery

The Department of State has announced that the lottery for Diversity Visas through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program for the 2018 Fiscal Year will be accepting on-line lottery entries beginning at noon EDT on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. The lottery will stop accepting entries at noon, EST on November 7, 2016. All entries must be submitted online at [dvlottery.state.gov](http://dvlottery.state.gov). No paper entries are accepted. Only 1 entry per person is allowed. Applicants submitting more than 1 entry will be disqualified.

The Department of State will make 50,000 immigrant visas available through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program for the 2018 Fiscal Year. To be eligible for a diversity visa, you must:

A. Have been born in an eligible country, be the spouse of a person born in an eligible country, or have been born in an ineligible country to parents who were not born in that country or legally resident in that country at the time of your birth.

**And**

B. Have a high school education or equivalent or 2 years work experience in the last 5 years in an occupation that requires at least 2 years of training or experience.

You can submit an entry if you are in the United States, so long as you are in a legal status.

The Law Office of Thomas Stylianios can help with filing entries. Our fee is \$50.00 for a single entry, \$75.00 for entries for a married couple – one for each spouse. Children under 18 go on their parents' application. Children over 18 must submit their own separate entry.

Please call to make an appointment in between October 4 and November 7. We strongly suggest that you not wait until the last week, because the number of people trying to log in can make it difficult to submit your entry.

For each entry, you will need:

- A passport-type photo 2" by 2", with a *white* background for the applicant, the applicant's spouse taken during the last 6 months, if any, and each child under 18 to be included in the entry.
- The date and place of birth for the applicant, the applicant's spouse, if any, and each child under 21 to be included in the entry.
- The applicant's mailing address.
- The applicant's phone number (optional)
- An email address where the applicant can be contacted.