



FORT SILL LEGAL ASSISTANCE



K-1 Fiancé(e) Visa

If you are a U.S. citizen and you want to bring your foreign national fiancé to the United States in order to marry, you will need a K-1 Visa for your fiancé. You must be able to show that you are a United States citizen, you intend to marry within ninety (90) days of your fiancé entering the United States, and you and your fiancé are free to marry each other. Generally, you must also show that you and your fiancé have met in person within the last two years. Below are the steps to initiate a K-1 visa.

STEP ONE

File the I-129F (Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)) with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). You may download the fillable I-129F form from the USCIS website, www.uscis.gov

STEP TWO

After the I-129F Petition has been approved by the USCIS, your fiancé has 4 months to apply for the K-1 Visa at the United States embassy or consulate abroad.

STEP THREE

After approval of the K-1 Visa, your fiancé has 6 months to travel to the United States on the K-1 Visa.

STEP FOUR

After arriving in the United States, you and your fiancé must marry within ninety days or else your fiancé will have to depart the United States. Once married, your spouse may apply for lawful permanent residency and remain in the United States while USCIS processes the application.

This paper provides only basic information. For more detailed instructions about the K-1 Fiancé(e) Visa, schedule an appointment with a Legal Assistance Attorney. You may also find more specific information at the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov

Updated January 2017

This Information Paper provides only basic information and is not intended to serve as a substitute for personal consultation with a Legal Assistance Attorney. To schedule an appointment with a Legal Assistance Attorney, please contact the Legal Assistance Office at (580) 442-5058 or (580) 442-5059. The Fort Sill Legal Assistance Office is located on the 4th floor of Building 4700, Hartell Hall (Welcome Center) at 4700 Mow-Way Road.