

PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PETITIONER

Given that the civil document (birth certificate, marriage certificate or adoption decree) that establishes the relationship claimed in the approved petition (for IV applicants) or DV entry application (for DV applicants) is necessary but insufficient, the beneficiary must submit credible secondary evidence that establishes a bona fide relationship with the petitioner.

For child to parent relationship (excluding stepchild to stepparent relationship), the beneficiary must submit primary school admission register, baptismal certificates and/or hospital/medical records.

For husband to wife relationship, the beneficiary must submit wedding photographs especially those from the city town hall where the civil marriage took place, as well as traditional marriage, and photos of life activities over time.

In addition to the above documents and for other types of relationship (e.g. sibling to sibling relationship), the beneficiary must also submit photographs taken together over the years, telephone bills of calls to and from the United States, insurance records, weigh-in cards, letters received over the years (provided the envelope shows the sender and recipient's names and postmark), e-mails received and sent over the years, evidence of continued financial support from the petitioner (e.g. western union receipts), and any other documents to prove your relationship with the petitioner.