U.S. Visa Interview Document Checklist

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B1/B2 Visa for Tourist Travel:

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity remaining
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt of payment for visa application fee
- Copy of visa, green card, or U.S. passport bio page of the person you'll be visiting in the United States (if applicable)
- Address or name of the accommodation where you'll be staying
- Basic travel itinerary
- Letter confirming your current employment status
- Letter indicating approved leave from your employer (if applicable)
- Income tax return(s)
- Additional financial documents

B1/B2 Visa Checklist for Business Travel:

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity remaining
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt of payment for visa application fee
- Your business card
- Invitation letter from the U.S. party detailing the purpose and duration of your trip
- Letter from your current employer stating your employment status, purpose of travel, and travel dates
- Details of accommodation (Reservations not required, but have the address readily available)
- Itinerary. While a breakdown by the hour is unnecessary, provide a daily schedule for the consular officer's reference
- Income tax returns

B1/B2 Visa Checklist for Medical Clerkships or Observerships:

- Valid passport with at least 6 months validity remaining
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt for payment of visa application fee
- Invitation letter from the medical institution or hospital detailing the purpose and duration of the clerkship or observership

- Letter from your current medical school confirming your enrollment status and explaining the need for the clerkship or observership
- Proof of financial support to cover your expenses during your stay in the U.S. (e.g., bank statements, sponsorship letters)
- Travel itinerary, including details of accommodation arrangements (Reservations not required, but have the information readily available)
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

H1B Visa (Employment Visa):

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity remaining
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt of payment for visa application fee
- Approval notice of Form I-129 (Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker) (Form I-797)
- Previous Form I-797s, if applicable (for renewals)
- Approval notice of Labor Condition Application (LCA)
- Education certificates and transcripts
- Employment verification letter from sponsoring employer
- Project description if working on an in-house project
- End client letter if working directly for an end client
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

H4 Visa (Dependent of H1B Holder):

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt for payment of visa application fee
- Evidence of relationship: marriage certificate (for spouses of H1B holders), birth certificates for children, and wedding photos
- Approval notice (Form I-797) for the H1B holder's Form I-129
- Copy of the H1B holder's visa bio page if the H4 applicant is attending the visa interview alone

F1 Visa (Student Visa):

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt for payment of visa application fee
- Form I-20 issued by the U.S. educational institution
- Confirmation of SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee payment

- Sponsor’s income tax return
- Academic transcripts and diplomas
- Standardized test scores (e.g., TOEFL, SAT, GRE)
- Admission letter from a U.S. educational institution
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

F2 Visa (Dependent of F1 Student):

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt for payment of visa application fee
- Marriage certificate
- Wedding pictures
- F2 I-20
- F1 student's Form I-20
- Copy of the F1 holder's visa if the F2 applicant is attending the visa interview alone

J1 Visa (Exchange Visitor Visa):

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt for payment of visa application fee
- Form DS-2019 issued by the sponsoring organization
- Confirmation of SEVIS fee payment
- Letter of sponsorship
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Academic transcripts and diplomas (if applicable)

L Visa (Intra-company Transfer Visa):

- Passport with at least 6 months validity
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160
- Receipt for payment of visa application fee
- Form I-129S (Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition) or individual L petition approval notice (Form I-797)
- Employment verification letter from the U.S. employer
- A letter detailing work duties
- Income tax returns
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Security Considerations

It's essential to review the specific requirements for each visa type and consulate, as they may vary slightly depending on individual circumstances and embassy/consulate policies. Please read all rules provided upon booking your visa appointment and check your embassy/consulate website for additional security restrictions.

Examples of prohibited items may include

- Battery-operated or electronic devices such as mobile phones, digital diaries, pagers, cameras, audio/video cassettes, compact discs, MP3s, floppy disks, flash drives, memory sticks, Blue Tooth devices, laptop or tablet computers and portable music players
- Large shoulder bags/purses, travel bags, backpacks, briefcases, or suitcases. Only bags that can be carried by hand will be permitted, like unsealed plastic bags containing application-related papers, small cloth bags, and zip folders.
- Food or drink items
- Cosmetics (including, but not limited to, spray perfume/cologne and talcum/baby powder)
- Sealed envelopes or packages
- Flammable items such as Cigarettes, cigars, match boxes, lighters
- Sharp objects, including scissors, pocketknives, pen knives, or nail files
- Weapons, weapon-like objects, or explosive material of any kind
- Long-handled umbrellas (longer than 40 cm when closed)

There generally is no facility at the Embassy/Consulate to store prohibited items. You must arrange to store these items before entering.

Finally

Have Confidence in Yourself

- Approach the interview with confidence and a positive attitude.
- If you're feeling anxious, try guided meditation on YouTube.
- Visualize when you felt confident and take that energy on the interview day.
- Practice in front of a mirror.

Maintain a Neat Appearance

- Dress neatly and groom yourself well.

- For men: Be well-groomed and avoid wearing distracting jewelry.
- Avoid overdressing with suits, as it may make you appear like you're trying too hard.

This checklist is provided for informational purposes and does not constitute legal advice. It is derived from the insights of former consular officers. Please use it at your discretion and consider your individual situation. Keep in mind that rules and regulations may change without prior notice.