

- Also for the first time, the Department of State will send DV lottery entrants an electronic confirmation notice upon receipt of a completed EDV Entry Form.

- The entry will be disqualified if all required photos are not attached. Recent photographs of the applicant and his or her spouse and each child under 21 years of age, including all natural children as well as all legally-adopted and stepchildren, excepting a child who is already a U.S. citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident, even if a child no longer resides with the applicant or is not intended to immigrate under the DV program, must be submitted electronically with the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form. Group or family photos will not be accepted; there must be a separate photo for each family member.

Each applicant, his/her spouse, and each child will therefore need a computer file containing his/her digital photo (image) which will be submitted on-line with the EDV Entry Form. The image file can be produced either by taking a new digital photograph or by scanning a photographic print with a digital scanner.

*If the submitted digital images do not conform to the following specifications, the system will automatically reject the EDV Entry Form and notify the sender.*

- The image must be in the Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) format.
- The image must be either in color or grayscale; monochrome images (2-bit color depth) will not be accepted.
- If a new digital photograph is taken, it must have a resolution of 320 pixels wide by 240 pixels high, and a color depth of either 24-bit color, 8-bit color, or 8-bit grayscale.
- If a photographic print is scanned, the print must be 2 inches by 2 inches (50mm x 50mm) square. It must be scanned at a resolution of 150 dots per inch (dpi) and with a color depth of either 24-bit color, 8-bit color, or 8-bit grayscale.

- The maximum image size accepted will be sixty-two thousand five hundred (62,500) bytes.

*If the submitted digital images do not conform to the following specifications, the entry will be disqualified:*

- Applicant, spouse, or child must be directly facing the camera; the head of the person being photographed should not be tilted up, down or to the side, and should cover about 50% of the area of the photo.
- The photo should be taken with the person being photographed in front of a neutral, light-colored background. Photos taken with very dark or

patterned, busy backgrounds will not be accepted.

- Photos in which the face of the person being photographed is not in focus will not be accepted.
- Photos in which the person being photographed is wearing sunglasses or other paraphernalia which detracts from the face will not be accepted.
- Photos of applicants wearing head coverings or hats are only acceptable due to religious beliefs, and even then, may not obscure any portion of the face of the applicant. Photos of applicants with tribal or other headgear not specifically religious in nature are not acceptable. Photos of military, airline or other personnel wearing hats will not be accepted.

#### Information Required for the Electronic Entry

There is only one way to enter the DV-2005 lottery. Applicants must submit an Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form (EDV Entry Form), which is accessible only at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov). Failure to complete the form in its entirety will disqualify the applicant's entry. Applicants will be asked to submit the following information on the EDV Entry Form.

1. FULL NAME, Last/Family Name, First Name, Middle name.
2. DATE OF BIRTH, Day, Month, Year.
3. GENDER, Male or Female.
4. CITY/TOWN OF BIRTH.
5. COUNTRY OF BIRTH, The name of the country should be that which is currently in use for the place where the applicant was born.
6. APPLICANT PHOTOGRAPH, (See pages 3 and 4 for information on photo specifications).
7. MAILING ADDRESS, Address, City/Town, District/Country/Province/State, Postal. Code/Zip Code, Country.
8. PHONE NUMBER (optional).
9. E-MAIL ADDRESS (optional).
10. COUNTRY OF ELIGIBILITY IF THE APPLICANT'S NATIVE COUNTRY IS DIFFERENT FROM COUNTRY OF BIRTH, If the applicant is claiming nativity in a country other than his or her place of birth, that information must be submitted on the entry. If an applicant is claiming nativity through spouse or parent, please indicate that on the entry.

11. MARRIAGE STATUS, Yes or No.

12. NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT ARE UNMARRIED AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

13. SPOUSE INFORMATION, Name, Date of Birth, Gender, City/Town of Birth, Country of Birth, Photograph.

14. CHILDREN INFORMATION, Name, Date of Birth, Gender, City/Town of Birth, Country of Birth, Photograph.

**Note:** Entries must include the name, date and place of birth of the applicant's spouse and all natural children, as well as all legally-adopted and stepchildren who are unmarried and under the age of 21 years, excepting those children who are already U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, even if they are no longer legally married to the child's parent, and even if the spouse or child does not currently reside with the applicant and/or will not immigrate with the applicant. Note that married children and children 21 years or older will not qualify for the diversity visa. Failure to list all children will result in the applicant's disqualification for the visa. (See question 11 on the list of Frequently Asked Questions.)

#### Selection of Applicants

Applicants will be selected at random by computer from among all qualified entries. Those selected will be notified by mail between May and July 2004 and will be provided further instructions, including information on fees connected with immigration to the U.S.

Persons not selected will *not* receive any notification. U.S. embassies and consulates will not be able to provide a list of successful applicants. Spouses and unmarried children under age 21 of successful applicants may also apply for visas to accompany or follow to join the principal applicant. DV-2005 visas will be issued between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005.

In order to actually receive a visa, applicants selected in the random drawing must meet *all* eligibility requirements under U.S. law. Processing of entries and issuance of diversity visas to successful applicants and their eligible family members *must* occur by midnight on September 30, 2005. Under no circumstances can diversity visas be issued or adjustments approved after this date, nor can family members obtain diversity visas to follow to join the applicant in the U.S. after this date.

#### Important Notice

No fee is charged to enter the annual DV program. The U.S. Government employs no outside consultants or private services to operate the DV program. Any intermediaries or others who offer assistance to prepare DV casework for applicants do so without the authority or consent of the U.S. Government. Use of any outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV entry is entirely at the applicant's discretion.

A qualified entry submitted electronically directly by an applicant has an equal chance of being selected by the computer at the Kentucky Consular