

The sponsor should include in the affidavit a statement concerning his or her status in the United States (American citizen or legal permanent resident). To substantiate the information regarding income and resources the sponsor should attach two or more of the following items to the affidavit:

1. **Copies of his or her latest federal tax return**, including W-2 statements, other attachments and appendices;
2. A statement from his or her employer showing salary and the length and permanency of employment or a valid business license listing the petitioner's name;
3. A statement from a bank officer regarding the sponsor's account, the date the account was opened, the average balance, and the present balance;
4. Any other evidence that will establish the sponsor's financial ability to support you and your accompanying children financially for what might be an indefinite period of time.

Please note that it is post policy to assess a sponsor's income via tax returns before assessing other evidence of income. If the sponsor is well established in business, he or she may submit a rating from a recognized business rating organization. If the sponsor is married, the affidavit should be signed jointly by both husband and wife. The affidavit of support may not be more than one year old when submitted to the consular officer at the visa interview.

APPLICANT'S OWN FUNDS

If you plan to meet the public charge provisions of the law through your own financial resources, please submit to the consular officer evidence of funds or income from one or more of the following sources:

1. Statement from a bank officer showing your present account balance, the date the account was opened, the number and amount of deposits and withdrawals during the past 12 months, and the average balance during the year. (Explain any recent unusually large deposits);
2. Proof of your ownership of property or real estate, in the form of a title, deed or equivalent, and a letter from a lawyer, banker, or responsible real estate agent showing its present valuation (stating any mortgages or loans against the property);
3. Letter(s) verifying your ownership of stocks and bonds, stating the present market value or expected earnings;
4. Statement from an insurance company showing policies you hold and their present cash surrender value;
5. Proof of income from business investments or other sources.

If the financial resources are derived from a source outside the United States, provide a statement explaining how the funds or income will be transferred to the U.S.

EMPLOYMENT

If you are relying on an offer of prearranged employment to meet the public charge provisions of the law, have your prospective employer submit a notarized letter of employment on the business's letterhead stationery. The letter should:

1. Contain a definite offer of employment;
2. Give a description of the job offered and an explanation of the skills that qualify you for the position;
3. State the rate of compensation you will be paid and, if pertinent, additional information detailing benefits to be included in lieu of cash payment;
4. Specify the location, type, and duration (whether seasonal, temporary, or indefinite) of the employment offered; and
5. State whether the employment will be immediate, available upon your arrival in the United States.

NOTE: You are encouraged to forward this information sheet to your sponsor to assist the sponsor in preparing the affidavit.