

## REQUEST FOR EVIDENCE

\* All foreign language documents must be submitted with complete word-for-word English translations. The translator must certify that the translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate. Do not submit the English translation without the foreign language document.

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You have submitted a copy of the passport page; however, you did not submit the identification page. **Submit all passport pages (with or without stamps) including the identification page.**

**REQUIREMENT THAT PETITIONER AND BENEFICIARY HAVE MET IN PERSON:** It must be established that the petitioner and beneficiary have met in person and/or have been in each other's physical presence at any time during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this petition.

- **Last Personal Meeting** – Submit evidence of meeting the beneficiary in person within the two-year period preceding the filing of the petition (**February 29, 2010 TO February 29, 2012**). Primary evidence may include airline ticket stubs and receipts (that indicate month, day, and year), **copies of passport pages that show the identification page and admission stamps**, military order(s), letter from Commanding Officer, or any evidence that will help the USCIS to determine that the petitioner has met the beneficiary within the two years. Secondary evidence may include **film-dated** photographs of the petitioner and beneficiary together. The following **DOES NOT** constitute evidence of meeting: disc, videos, emails, letters, phone bills, and greeting cards.

However, this personal meeting requirement may be waived under the following two circumstances:

1. When it is demonstrated that the personal meeting requirement would result in extreme hardship to the petitioner, and/or
  2. When it is shown that a personal meeting would violate the beneficiary's strict and long-established customs, foreign culture or social practice.
- **Extreme Hardship Waiver** – The petitioner must request such a waiver in writing and must also submit evidence that includes, but is not limited to affidavits and/or documentation from doctors, employers, etc. that would establish that such a personal meeting would result in extreme hardship to the petitioner. It must be noted, however, that financial hardship may not necessarily be considered as extreme hardship without other additional and substantial equities.
  - **Violation of Customs** – The petitioner must request such a waiver in writing and must also submit documentation from competent authorities to verify or certify a claim such a personal meeting would violate the beneficiary's strict and long-established customs, foreign culture or social practice. In addition, the petitioner must submit evidence to establish that any and all other aspects of the traditional arrangements have been or will be met in accordance with the custom or practice.