

Good Faith Marriage

As evidence to establish that you married _____ in good faith you submitted a self affidavit, photographs, an electric bill, and evidence that you added your spouse to the deed of your condo.

Your self affidavit stated that you met your spouse on Tinder, spoke on the phone, learned about one another, and decided to get married. Your self affidavit spoke mostly to your spouse's treatment of you during the marriage rather than providing sufficient details of the courtship, time spent together, significant events within your relationship, and/or what it was about your spouse that caused you to want to enter into a marriage.

It is unclear where and when the photographs submitted were taken and these photos do not provide sufficient insight to establish a shared life together. Additionally, photographs do not hold sufficient evidentiary weight to make a positive determination of a good faith marriage.

While the electric bill and condominium deed help establish that you and your spouse may have had a commingling of funds, the totality of the evidence in the record does not provide sufficient detailed information regarding the interactions between you and your spouse before and during the duration of the qualifying relationship to show that you shared the emotional and domestic bonds normally associated with a marriage.

A finding of good faith involves the exploration of the dynamics of the relationship leading up to the marriage, to determine if this was a marriage of two people intending to share a life together. Evidence of good faith should also demonstrate the emotional ties often associated with a bona fide marriage.

Please submit additional evidence to show that you married your spouse in good faith. You may submit as much of the following evidence as possible:

1. Insurance policies in which you or your spouse is named as the beneficiary
2. Bank statements, tax records and other documents that show you share accounts and other similar responsibilities
3. Evidence of your courtship, wedding ceremony, residences, special events, etc.
4. Birth certificates of children born to you and your spouse
5. Affidavits of friends and family who can provide specific information verifying your relationship with your spouse