

## Step 2: Make a copy of your final application for your records

CitizenPath recommends that you make a copy of the complete application for your own records.

## Step 3: Prepare your filing fee and gather documents to submit

You must send in the following items with your I-751 petition:

### Filing Fee

Submit \$680 payment for your USCIS fees (includes \$595 petition fee + \$85 biometrics services fee) with this petition. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency. Make the check or money order payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. If you prefer to pay the USCIS fees with a credit card, you may submit [Form G-1450, Authorization for Credit Card Transactions](#)

### Copy of Permanent Resident Card

Submit a copy of the front and back of your Permanent Resident Card (green card).

### Evidence of a Bona Fide Marriage

Submit evidence indicating that the marriage upon which you were granted conditional status was entered in "good faith" and was not for the purpose of circumventing immigration laws. Submit copies of as many documents as you can to establish this fact and to demonstrate the circumstances of the relationship from the date of marriage to the present date, and to demonstrate any circumstances surrounding the end of the relationship, if it has ended. Consider the following types of evidence:

#### • Proof of Shared Residence

Provide documents that help prove you actually live together. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Lease or mortgage contracts showing joint occupancy and/or ownership of your communal residence.
- When a joint lease or property deed is not possible, ask your landlord to write a letter that both spouses live at the apartment. Or provide rent receipts showing both spouses' names.
- Copies of gas, electric, telephone, internet and other utility bills
- Auto registrations showing joint ownership and address
- Both spouses' drivers' licenses showing a common residence

#### • Proof of Joint Responsibility for Finances and Welfare

Provide evidence showing joint ownership of assets and joint responsibility for liabilities. Include documents that also show you're taking measures to ensure each other's future. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Joint savings and checking accounts with transaction history
- Joint credit card statements
- Joint federal and state tax returns
- Title of car showing joint ownership

- Insurance policies that show the other spouse as the beneficiary (life, health, home/renter insurance)
- Wills, trusts, or power of attorney naming both spouses
- Other joint loans.
- **Proof of Raising Children Together**  
 You certainly are not required to have children. But evidence of children is good evidence to show that your marriage is real. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Birth certificate(s) of child(ren) born to the marriage (with both parents named on certificate)
  - Medical records from a doctor that says you are pregnant or are seeking fertility treatment
  - Adoption certificate showing that you've adopted a child together
  - School or medical records for the child listing the stepparent as an emergency contact
- **Proof of Marital Relationship**  
 Provide examples of how your relationship includes genuine affection for each other. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Receipts for airline, hotel, excursions and other travel-related expenses together for a honeymoon or other trips you've taken together. You may also show corresponding passport stamps if you traveled together.
  - Evidence of any correspondence between spouses, including letters, birthday and holiday cards, phone bills, email, Facebook conversations or any other social media account.
  - Receipts from gifts that you bought for one another (such as gifts of affection or anniversary gifts).
  - Photographs that show both spouses together, preferably with family or friends. Ideally, the photos will span throughout the most recent two years. You may submit physical photos or print a sheet of several photos. Write on the back or add a text box to describe the context of the photo. Describe the why, when, where, who of the photo.
- **Affidavits**  
 Include affidavits sworn to or affirmed by at least two people who have known both of you since your conditional residence was granted and have personal knowledge of your marriage and relationship. (Such persons may be required to testify before an immigration officer as to the information contained in the affidavit.) The original affidavit must be submitted and also contain the following information regarding the person making the affidavit:
  - his or her full name and address; and
  - date and place of birth; and
  - relationship to you or your spouse; and
  - details explaining how the person acquired his or her knowledge. Affidavits should be supported by other types of evidence listed above. For additional guidance on writing an affidavit, please refer to our article at <https://citizenpath.com/how-to-write-an-i-751-affidavit/>.
- **Other Documents**  
 You may include any other documents that you consider relevant to establish that your marriage was not entered for the purpose of evading U.S. immigration laws.