Inviting Family to Visit

Please make sure to refer to the specific U.S. Embassy Website your family will be visiting for their interview.

The US Department of State has indicated that a letter of invitation from the school is not required to process a visa application. However, an invitation letter directly from the student can be helpful.

Suggested Documentation:
When preparing for a family members Visitor (B-2) visa we suggest your family member brings the following documents to their visa interview. Remember that this list is only a suggestion and each U.S. Consulate will approach each visa application on an individual basis and may require differing documents.

- A letter, written in English, inviting your family member to visit you (see template below)
- Evidence of your valid student status
- Copies of your transcript and current enrollment
- A photocopy of your I-20/DS-2019, passport, visa, and I-94
- Documents showing your ability to financially support your family member if they do not have their own funding to support themselves during their visit

Invitation Letter Format:

Date:

United States Consul General

(Address of Foreign Consulate Where Person Will Apply for the Visa – check online)

Dear Honorable Consul:

My name is (Last Name), (First Name) and I reside at (Your U.S. Address). I am a student at the University of South Alabama majoring in (Major). I am requesting that a tourist (B-2) visa be issued to (Person you want to invite), in order to allow (her/him) to visit me in the United States. (She/He) is my (Explain your relationship to the person) and will be visiting me from (arrival date) to (departure date). (Explain why you want the person to visit).

During (her/his) stay in the United States, (she/he) will stay with me at my residence at the address stated below. I will be responsible for all of (her/his) room and board expenses while (she/he) is in the United States. Upon the termination of (her/his) visit, (she/he) will return to (Country).

Your kind consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signature)

Name

Address

Email