



**FIANCE PETITION – “K-1” DOCUMENT CHECKLIST  
INA §101(a)(15)(K)(I)**

**Stage 1: File Petition for Alien Fiancé with Service Center**

<b>Forms</b>	<b>Status</b>
Form I-129F – Petition for Alien Fiancé	
<b>Documents</b>	
<b>Declaration of Petitioner</b> of how you met in person in the last two years. If you have not personally met, provide a detailed explanation and evidence of the extreme hardship or customary, cultural or social practices that have prohibited your meeting.	
<b>Original Statements</b> from both Petitioner and Beneficiary certifying an intent to marry within 90 days of entering the U.S. on valid K-1. (See Appendix 1)	
<b>Proof of having met in past two years.</b> (See Appendix 2)	
<b>Passport-type photo of Petitioner.</b> You can either send us a physical photo or a digital photo that meets the passport photo specifications.	
<b>Passport-type photo of Beneficiary.</b> You can either send us a physical photo or a digital photo that meets the passport photo specifications.	
<b>Proof of Petitioner’s Citizenship:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Copy of the Birth certificate (front and back) if born in U.S.; or</li> <li>2. Copy of Certificate of Naturalization (front and back) if naturalized; or</li> <li>3. If born outside of the U.S. and you are a U.S. citizen through parents, provide: (a) original Certificate of Citizenship, or (b) Form FS-240</li> <li>4. Copy of all pages of unexpired U.S. passport issued with a validity period of at least 5 years.</li> <li>5. If none of the above, review Instructions to Form I-129F for other acceptable documents.</li> </ol>	
<b>Copy of final Divorce Decree(s) or Certificate(s) for Petitioner / Beneficiary</b> if applicable. If previous marriage terminated due to death of spouse then include a <b>Copy of Death Certificate(s)</b> documenting that fact.	
<b>Proof of Legal Name Change</b> if either Petitioner / Beneficiary is using a name other than that shown on the relevant documents. Must provide copies of the legal documents that made the change, such as a marriage certificate, adoption decree, or court order.	
<b>Prior convictions – International Marriage Broker Regulation Act</b> – copies of all court records and police records showing the charges and dispositions of any specified convictions. Review I-129F for relevant crimes.	
<b>Fees</b>	
I-129F: \$535 made payable to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (fees as of 12-23-16).	



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## Appendix 1

### Fiancé Letter of Intent (Separate Letter for Petitioner and Beneficiary)

**(THIS DOCUMENT IS SIMPLY A SAMPLE, PLEASE DELETE ALL ABOVE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRM AND USE THIS SAMPLE AS THE TYPE OF LETTER YOU WOULD CREATE)**

*(Petitioner's /Beneficiary's address)*

*(Date MM-DD-YYYY)*

USCIS  
Attn: I-129F  
2501 South State Highway 121 Business  
Suite 400  
Lewisville, TX 75067

Dear Sir or Madam:

I, *(Petitioner's or Beneficiary's name)*, do hereby state that I am legally able and willing to marry *(Petitioner's or Beneficiary's name)*, and intend to do so within 90 days of my arrival into the US using the K-1 visa.

Yours truly,

*(Signature)*

*(Print Name)*



**Appendix 2**  
**Documentary Proof of Having Met in Person**  
**in the Past Two Years and an Ongoing Relationship:**

Documents	Status / Comments
<b>Travel Documents</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Copies of all airline boarding passes</li> <li>b. Train passes, itineraries</li> <li>c. Hotel receipts</li> <li>d. Passport stamps (make sure you can read the dates on the stamps),</li> <li>e. Other documentary evidence that you have met within the last two years.</li> <li>f. Highlight or place post-it notes indicating the dates and locations on the copies (to make the adjudication easier) for the person reviewing your file.</li> </ul>	
<b>Photos of you and your fiancé together.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide 5 to 10 photos.</li> <li>b. NOTE: Please make sure to share a description of the photos with us by providing names, date, and location.</li> <li>c. Original photos may not be returned.</li> </ul>	
<b>Proof of ongoing relationship</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Phone bills</li> <li>b. Cell phone bills,</li> <li>c. Emails (<i>can edit personal info with a marker</i>),</li> <li>d. Letters (<i>can edit personal info also</i>), stamps on the letters (<b>to document the date they were sent</b>), and</li> <li>e. Copy of engagement ring receipt (<b>this is something that is a big optional - do not worry if no ring yet!</b>)</li> <li>f. Evidence of wedding arrangements, including wedding announcements, contracts for photography, catering, banquet halls, musical entertainment, etc; letter from religious leader who will perform the ceremony (<i>if applicable</i>).</li> <li>g. Other written documentary proof.</li> <li>h. WhatsApp messages; other social media</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Provide a reasonable amount; two to four of each type. Pick a range of dates up to and including the present.</p>	

\* All documents in another language must be translated into English with certification. Please let us know if you need assistance with translating documents.



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### **Stage 2: NVC Case Creation**

Case will be sent to the National Visa Center for Case Creation once the Service Center approves it. Once NVC creates a case in its system, the K-1 petition is forwarded to a U.S. Consulate abroad where the Beneficiary lives. This process takes approximately 30 to 60 days. It could take longer if there are interview scheduling delays with the Consulate.

A letter with specific instructions and document checklist applicable to the respective Consulate will be sent about the next steps.

Each Consulate differs in the processing of K-1 visas. Either an interview will be scheduled by the Consulate directly or instructions for selecting an interview date will be provided to the Beneficiary/Attorney.



### Stage 3: Consulate Interview

Below is a sample list of what should be submitted to the Consulate

Forms	Comments
DS-160 (Online)	Confirmation page is taken to interview
Form I-134, Affidavit of Support	
Documents from Foreign Fiancé	
Valid Passport for travel to the U.S., with a validity date of at least 6 month's beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the U.S.	
Copy of Official Birth Certificate	
Birth Certificates of any children	
Divorce Decree or Death Certificate of Prior Spouse (if any)	
Police Clearance Certificates from all places lived since age 16. <b>(See Reciprocity Table for Specific Country. Ask Attorney.)</b>	
Court and Prison Records, if applicable	
Evidence of fiancé relationship (see Appendix 2 above for examples) <b>- Include a new letter affirming desire to marry. This is similar to the one in Appendix 1, and should be dated closer to the interview date.</b>	
Evidence of Financial Support (Form I-134, Affidavit of Support) <i>(See attached Checklist for supporting documents for Form I-134)</i>	
Two <a href="#">nonimmigrant visa photos</a> (each two inches 2"x2" square, showing full face, against a light background)	
Medical examination - (vaccinations are optional. The vaccinations will be required prior to adjustment of status. See list of vaccinations required for immigrant visa holder)	
Fees	
K-1 Nonimmigrant Visa Fee	<b>\$265.00 Paid directly to Consulate</b>

- Please check the reciprocity schedule for all above documents and their availability from the fiancé's country of birth.
- A copy of the K-1 petition and supporting documents and approval notice from the Service Center should be sent to the foreign fiancé by the U.S. Petitioner so that he/she has a copy of everything submitted.
- The consulate may request additional documents.