



# **INSTRUCTIONS**

Please follow these instructions carefully in order to complete your application.

#### 1. APPLICANT'S FULL NAME:

Surname (last name/family name), First Name and Middle Name. EXAMPLE: Smith, John Patrick

2. GENDER: Male or female

#### 3. DATE OF BIRTH:

Day, Month, Year EXAMPLE: 15 November 1971

#### 4. PLACE OF BIRTH:

Place: City/Town, District/County/Province, Country EXAMPLE: Naas, Kildare, Ireland

14 St. Stephen's Green Dublin 2

# Ireland

Phone: 01 878 3329 Fax: 01 679 3265

3304 N Broadway Suite 200 Chicago IL 60657

### **USA**

Phone: 1 773 248 5712 Fax: 1 773 913 6124

#### 5. NATIVE COUNTRY (IF DIFFERENT FROM COUNTRY OF BIRTH):

If you are claiming nativity in a country other than your place of birth, indicate that country. This country could be either your spouse's country of birth or your mother/father's country of birth. Please indicate if you are claiming the nativity of a spouse or the nativity of a parent.

#### 6. MARITAL STATUS

#### 7. NUMBER OF UNMARRIED CHILDREN UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

#### 8. NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE AND CHILDREN:

Entries must include the name, date and place of birth of your spouse and all natural children (as well as all legally-adopted and stepchildren) who are unmarried and under the age of 21. You do not need to include those children who are already U.S. citizens or Legal Permanent Residents. The above mentioned must be included even if you are no longer legally married to the child's parent, and even if the spouse or child does not currently reside with you and/or will not immigrate with you. Note that married children and children 21 years or older will not qualify for the diversity visa.

#### 9. FULL MAILING ADDRESS:

This must be clear and complete, because any future mailings will be sent there.

### 10 & 11. TELEPHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS

A telephone number and e-mail address are optional, but useful.

## **PHOTOGRAPH**

- Include a recent photograph either in colour or black and white.
- If you are including your spouse or children in your application, please submit a separate photograph for each family member.

# Photographs must conform to the following specifications:

- Photographs must be taken with a new digital image or a digital scanner should be used to scan a submitted photograph.
- Photographs must be sized 2 by 2 inches (50x50mm) square.
- Photographs should be in focus and taken with the applicant facing the camera directly, with a neutral or light colored background (dark or patterned backgrounds are not accepted).
- Photographs with applicants wearing sunglasses, hats and head coverings (except the ones in religious nature) or other items covering part of the applicant's face are not accepted.
- Applicant's head should not be tilted and should make up 50% of the photograph.



### What is the Green Card Lottery?

Each year, the US government makes 50,000 permanent immigrant visas available to allow non US citizens to live and work in the United States.

#### What rights does a Green Card offer?

A Green Card offers a person the right to live, work and study permanently in the United States and to enter and exit the country freely.

#### **Am I guaranteed a Green Card?**

50,000 applicants are randomly approved from all qualified entries however Visa First will ensure your application is registered in time and without errors. Each application is checked and we will contact you if corrections or additional submissions are required to validate your application ensuring that your application is processed successfully.

#### Who can apply?

The lottery is open to any citizen of the Republic of Ireland, as well as most European countries. The following are excluded: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, (mainland only), El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Pakistan, India, Jamaica, Philippines, Peru, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and Vietnam.

#### What are the minimum education requirements?

Applicants must have at least a high school education or its equivalent or, within the past five years, have two years of work experience in an occupation requiring at least two years training or experience.

#### Is there an age limit?

No. There are no age limits on the Green Card lottery.

#### How many visas are issued?

There are 50,000 visas made available each year.

#### How many applications can I submit?

Only one application per person is allowed.

#### What is the deadline?

In order for your application to be submitted on time to the United States government you must send your completed application form to Visa First before 28 October 2011.

#### How are the visas awarded?

Entries are computer generated on a random basis by the U.S. government at the end of the application period. Successful applicants are notified by post and requested to visit their local U.S. Consular office for an interview.

# If I don't win, will I be notified?

No. If you are not selected as a winner in the Green Card Lottery,



you will receive no notification from the U.S. government.

#### If I win, when can I go to the United States?

DV-2013 visas will be issued between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013. Once your visa is issued you must enter the United States within 6 months in order to validate it.

# Can I apply while in the United States?

Yes. You do not have to be outside the United States to apply.

# Can I apply if I already hold a U.S. visa?

Yes. You may apply for a Green Card even if you currently hold a U.S. visa. If your application is successful you may then adjust your visa status.

#### What service does VISA FIRST provide?

VISA FIRST provides an easy and convenient registration service for the Green Card Lottery. We ensure that your entry complies with the U.S. Department of State criteria. On average each year 40% of applications are rejected due to errors. We make certain your application stands a full chance in this program and will not be disqualified for any formal reason.

#### Will processing of my entry be confirmed?

Yes. Once we have received and processed your application we will confirm your entry by email.

# How much does it cost? 1 year application:

Visa First will process your 2013 Green Card application and will update you if your visa is granted.

Processing fee: €49.99

# 2 year application:

Visa First will process your 2013 Green Card application and again automatically your 2014 Green Card application in the case that you are not successful in 2013.

Processing fee: €75

## How do I apply? By Post

To apply for the green card lottery by post please complete and sign the application form, attach a photograph and send it to Visa First, 12-14 College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.

#### **By Email**

To apply by email please complete the application form online at <a href="http://www.visafirst.com/usa">http://www.visafirst.com/usa</a> application form.asp
You must then scan and email a photograph to
<a href="mailto:info@visafirst.com">info@visafirst.com</a> along with your credit / laser card details.



Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS



# **APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS ONLY

WHICH APPLICATION AF	RE YOU PAYING FOR:		1 year application (€49.99)	2 year application (€75) □
	Last Name (Surname/Family N		First Name, Middi	le Name
1. FULL NAME:				
2. GENDER:	Male Female		3. DATE OF BIRTH:	DAY / MONTH / YEAR
	City/Town, District/co	unty/Province	e, Country	
4. PLACE OF BIRTH:				
	(if different from coun	try of birth)		
5. NATIVE COUNTRY:			6. MARITAL STATUS:	Single Maried
If you are claiming nativity in a country other than your country of birth, please specify here if you are claiming the nativity of a spouse or of a parent (please tick):				_ Spouse □ Parent □
7. NUMBER OF UNMARR	RIED CHILDREN UNDER 2	1 YEARS OF A	GE:	Please disregard Questions 7 and 8 if you do not intend on applying for spouse and/or children
8. NAME, DATE AND PLA	ACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE	E AND CHILD	REN:	
SPOUSE NAME		DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH
(Last, First, Middle)		(Day, Month, Year)		(Town/City, District/County/ Province, Country)
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(Last, First, Middle)		(Day, Month, Year)		(Town/City, District/County/ Province, Country)
9. FULL MAILING ADDRE	ESS:			
4.0 TELEBUIONE NUMBER				
10. TELEPHONE NUMBER	≺:			
11. EMAIL ADDRESS:	M/bat is the bighest la	val of advicati	ion you have achieved as of toda	?
11. QUALIFICATION:	what is the highest lev	vei oi educati	ion you have achieved, as of toda	y:
☐ Primary School Only			☐ University Degree	
	High School, no Degree		☐ Some Graduate Level Courses	
☐ High School Degree			☐ Master Degree	
☐ Vocational School			Some Doctorate Level Cour	SAS
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Some University Courses			☐ Doctorate Degree	