



P-1

Members of an internationally recognized entertainment group (music ensembles, dance and theatre companies, circus troupes). It is the reputation of the group that must be demonstrated, not the individual achievements of its members. Seventy-five percent of the group's members must have been with the group for at least one year. A P-1 visa is approved for a maximum of one year for a specific performance or tour.

P-2

Participant(s) in a reciprocal exchange program. You qualify for a P-2 if you are entering the United States temporarily to perform as an artist or entertainer, individually or as part of a group, under a reciprocal exchange program between an organization in the United States and an organization in another country. The petition must be filed by the sponsoring organization or employer in the United States.

P-3

Culturally unique performers, performing groups, teachers or coaches. You qualify for a P-3 visa if you are a "culturally unique" individual performing artist or entertainment group entering the United States to perform, teach or coach under a commercial or non-commercial "culturally unique" program. For the P-3 classification, there is no specific time the members have to have been together.

P Support Personnel

Essential support personnel for P-1, P-2 or P-3 groups petition separately from the corresponding petition for the performers. The INS designates support petitions as P-1S, P-2S or P-3S respectively. P support petitions cannot be submitted in advance of the main petition; they should be sent to the INS at the same time as the corresponding performer petition. Submit documented evidence establishing the "essential role, critical skills and experience" of the support person(s) to the group.

H-2B

If you are a musician and are going to perform within 80 km (50 miles) of the Canada-U.S. border, you have the option of applying under the H-2B classification.

Spouses and Dependents

The spouse and unmarried children accompanying an O-1, O-2, P-1, P-2 or P-3 performing artist or essential support person may qualify for a corresponding O-3 or P-4 visa. DO NOT include spouse or dependents on the principal beneficiary's INS Form I-129. If the spouse/dependent(s) are Canadian citizens, presenting proof of relationship, together with the principal beneficiary's I-797, suffices at a port of entry or pre-flight inspection.

PETITION MATERIALS

The petitioner will need the beneficiary information listed below. Passports must be valid for SIX MONTHS after the expiration date of the visa.

- Full name (LAST, first, middle initial)
- Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)
- Country of birth
- Passport number
- Country where passport was issued
- Passport expiration date (mm/dd/yy)
- Job title
- Date started with group (mm/yy)

