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Guide to Inviting Family Members to Visit the U.S.

This guide is designed to provide you with some suggestions on how to help your family members prepare when applying for a visitor's visa (B2) at the US Consulate or embassy in their home country. CIE does not produce letters of invitation for the purpose of inviting students' family members to visit the U.S. as these letters are not required by the United States Consular Offices in order for family members to obtain visitor visas.

1. Provide your family member with an invitation letter (this letter is to be written by you, the person inviting the family member for a visit)
Include the purpose of the visit, the relationship to the individual, a statement of your status here in the U.S., and the length of time the family will be visiting (usually less than 3 months). If the individual has a job to

Sample Invitation Letter

[Your Name]
[Local U.S. address]
[phone number]

[Date]

U.S. [Consulate or Embassy]
[City, Country Location of U.S. Consulate or Embassy]

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is [Your Name]