

# How to Apply for Asylum as An Unaccompanied Minor with USCIS



This fact sheet helps you apply for asylum. It explains the process and how to fill out the right forms. It also shares what type of documents you need to gather to prove you are eligible for asylum.

There are different asylum application processes for different people. If you use the wrong process, your application is denied. **You should only use this fact sheet if you are an unaccompanied minor.** This means you are younger than 18 years old and arrived in the United States without a parent or legal guardian. If you were put in a shelter for children who entered the United States without their parents, you are likely an unaccompanied minor. You also might have been given a [Verification of Release card](#) from the Office of Refugee Resettlement. To find out which asylum application process you should use, go to: <https://www.lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/how-decide-if-you-can-apply-asylum-united-states>

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# The Unaccompanied Minor Process for Asylum

## How do I apply for asylum?

You must apply for asylum with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

- **If you are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings**, complete all steps 1 - 10 in this guide. You are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings if you have an upcoming hearing in Immigration Court.
- **If you are NOT in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings**, complete steps 1 -5 in this guide. Skip steps 6 and 7. Complete steps 8 - 10.



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## Tell USCIS if you move during the application process.

LawHelpMN has a fact sheet that tells you how to update your address with USCIS. Scan the QR code or go to:

[lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/reporting-change-address-uscis](http://lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/reporting-change-address-uscis)

## How do I check if I have a hearing?



**By Phone.** Call the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) hotline at **1-800-898-7180**. Enter your A-Number or “Alien Registration Number.” (Visit [us-immigration.com](http://us-immigration.com) to find your A-Number.) Use the menu of options to check the date and time of your hearing. The hotline is in English and Spanish. Push 2 for help in Spanish.



**Online.** Visit [acis.eoir.justice.gov](http://acis.eoir.justice.gov). Enter your A-Number. Look at “Next Hearing Information” and “Court Contact Information.”

## What do I do if I am not comfortable using English?

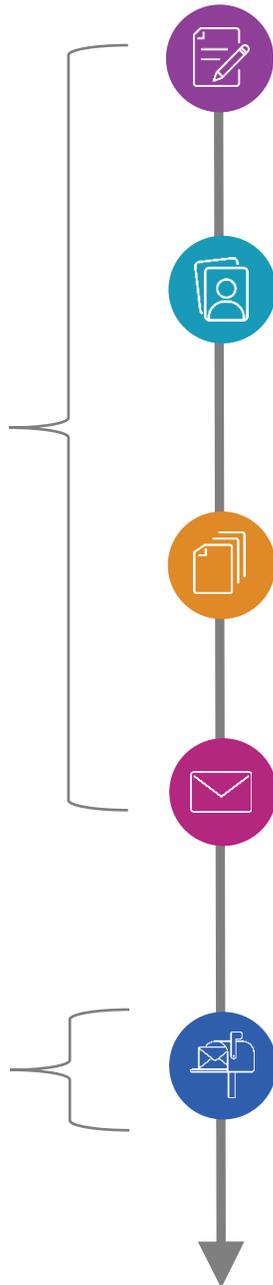
Ask for help with your application.

- **The Asylum Application Form.** The I-589 Form must be completed in English. Someone else can help you fill out the form. This might be a family member, friend, or lawyer. If someone helps you fill out the form, they are called a “preparer.” They need to fill out and sign “Part E” on the I-589 Form.
- **Supporting Documents.** You may need to send supporting documents with your application. They must be submitted in English. If the original document is not in English, someone must translate it. You do not need to use a professional interpreter or translator. A bilingual family member, friend, or acquaintance can do it if they are qualified. Anyone who translates a document must complete a translator form. Send the translator form with your application. Get a blank translator form at: [lawhelpmn.org/sites/default/files/2025-02/Immigration Certificate of Translation.pdf](http://lawhelpmn.org/sites/default/files/2025-02/Immigration%20Certificate%20of%20Translation.pdf)
- **Court Hearings.** You need to go to court for a hearing during the asylum application process. Ask the judge for an **interpreter** in the language you are most comfortable using.

## What are the steps to apply?

It is good to complete your application (steps 1-4) **within 1 year** of your last entry to the United States. But you can complete it after 1 year.

It can take months or years for USCIS to review it.



### Step 1

Fill out Form I-589.

### Step 2

Gather and prepare documents to send with your application.

### Step 3

Make a copy of your application.

### Step 4

Mail your application to USCIS. Pay the \$100 application fee.

### Step 5

USCIS sends you a receipt telling you the date your application was received.



### Pause.

- If you are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings, go to step 6.
- If you are **NOT** in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings, skip to step 8.



## Step 6

File a motion with Immigration Court to administratively close your case. You must send it to the court where your hearing is scheduled. **Only do this step if you are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings.**



## Step 7

Send a copy of your motion to administratively close your case to the government lawyer or "OPLA office." **Only do this step if you are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings.**



## Step 8

Go to your biometrics appointment.



## Step 9

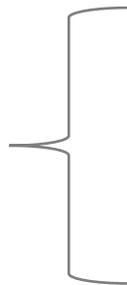
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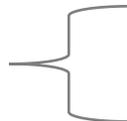
## Step 10

USCIS notifies you of their decision.

These steps usually take months.



USCIS can take a long time to make a decision. Use your receipt number to check your application status. Go to: [egov.uscis.gov](http://egov.uscis.gov)



## Step 1

Fill out Form I-589.



Scan the QR code or go to [uscis.gov/i-589](https://uscis.gov/i-589) to get a blank copy of the form. There are instructions in the “How to Fill Out Form I-589” part of this fact sheet.



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**You must fill out the most recent edition of the form.** USCIS will not accept your application if you use an old version of the form. The form edition is written on the bottom left corner of each page on the form. Example: It could say, “Edition 01/20/25”. **You must fill out the form in English.** Unaccompanied minors must fill out a paper copy of the I-589 and send it by mail. You cannot submit your Form I-589 online.

## Step 2

Gather and prepare documents to send with your application.



You must send 4 things with your asylum application:

- Cover letter.** There is a sample cover letter in the “Sample USCIS Cover Letter” part of this fact sheet.
- Completed and signed Form I-589.**
- \$100 application fee.** You can pay by credit card or you can authorize an ACH transfer from your bank account. To pay by credit card, [fill out form G-1450](#) and send it with your application. To pay by ACH transfer, [fill out form G-1650](#) and send it with your application.

- **Copy of at least 1 document that proves your identity, if you have one.** Send copies of as many documents as you have. The document must have been issued by the United States or other country's government. If the document is not in English, you must get it translated. **Do not send original documents, only send copies.** Examples of acceptable documents include:
  - Passport that shows your picture, name, and date of birth. Copy and send **every page** of your passport.
  - Birth certificate if it has your photo on it. **OR** a birth certificate **AND** a photo ID.
  - Visa issued by a foreign consulate.
  - National ID document with photo and/or fingerprint.

**Submit your asylum application even if you don't have one of these ID documents.** You can send an ID document later.

**You may also send any evidence you have that supports why you are applying for asylum.** Evidence is documents and photos that help prove your story. This might be medical records, police reports, photos, or reports from a human rights organization about violence in your home country. You also have another chance to submit evidence later. LawHelpMN has a fact sheet about how to prepare evidence for USCIS. Scan the QR code or go to: [lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/preparing-evidence-uscis](https://lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/preparing-evidence-uscis)



All documents must be submitted in English. If the original document is not in English, someone must translate it. You do not need to use a professional interpreter or translator. A bilingual family member, friend, or acquaintance can do it if they are qualified. They must complete a translator form. Get a blank translator form at: [lawhelpmn.org/sites/default/files/2025-02/Immigration Certificate of Translation.pdf](https://lawhelpmn.org/sites/default/files/2025-02/Immigration%20Certificate%20of%20Translation.pdf)

## Step 3

Make a copy of your application.



Make a copy of your cover letter, completed Form I-589, identity documents, and any evidence you send with your application. Keep the **copy** of the cover letter and Form I-589 for your records. Keep your **original** identity document and evidence for your records.

## Step 4

Mail your application to USCIS.



Mail the **original** cover letter and Form I-589. Mail a **copy** of your identity document and all your evidence.

- **If you use the United States Postal Service (USPS), send your application to:**  
USCIS  
Attn: I-589  
P.O. Box 6893  
Chicago, IL 60680
- **If you use FedEx, DHL, or UPS, send your application to:**  
USCIS  
Attn: I-589 (Box 6893)  
131 S. Dearborn St., 3rd Floor  
Chicago, IL 60680
- **Tell the person at the shipping service that you need to track your application** when you mail it. Purchase tracking so that you know when your application is delivered. Make sure to get proof or a receipt when it is delivered.

If you do not live in Minnesota, visit [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov) to find the address where you should mail your application.

## Step 5

USCIS reviews your application  
and tell you if it is complete.



It could take months or years for USCIS to review your application. [Update your address with USCIS](#) if you move during your application process.

- **If your application is not complete:** USCIS rejects your application. They mail your whole application back to you. Complete the missing parts and mail your application back to USCIS as soon as possible.
- **If your application is complete:** USCIS mails you a letter that says they received your application. This letter includes a receipt number that lets you look up the status of your application online. **Keep your receipt!** Take a picture of the receipt with your phone. Keep the picture in case you lose the paper copy.

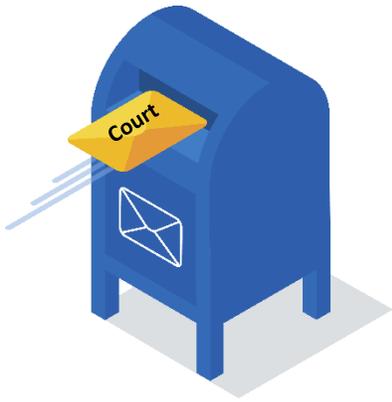


### Pause.

- If you are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings, go to step 6.
- If you are **NOT** in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings, skip to step 8.

## Step 6

File a motion with Immigration Court to administratively close your case.



Send proof to Immigration Court that you filed an asylum application. This might stop you from being deported while you wait for a decision on your asylum application. **Only do this step if you are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings**

**File a motion** to administratively close while your application is pending. This would close your case until USCIS makes a decision about your case. You must send the motion to the court where your hearing is scheduled.

### HOW TO FIND THE COURT ADDRESS

Call or go online to get the correct court name and address where your hearing is scheduled.

- **By Phone.** Call the EOIR hotline at **1-800-898-7180**. The hotline is in English and Spanish. Push 2 for help in Spanish. Enter your A-Number or “Alien Registration Number.” (Go to [us-immigration.com](https://www.us-immigration.com) to learn how to find your A-Number.)
- **Online.** Go to: [acis.eoir.justice.gov](https://acis.eoir.justice.gov). Enter your A-Number. It will tell you where you have a hearing scheduled.

### HOW TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION BY MAIL

- **Send:**
  - A **cover sheet**. There is a sample cover sheet in the “Sample Motion Cover Sheet” part of this fact sheet.
  - The **receipt from USCIS** saying they received your asylum application.
  - A **Certificate of Service** saying you sent a copy of your motion to the government lawyer or “OPLA office” (see the next step). There is a sample in the “Sample Certificate of Service” part of this fact sheet.
- **Tell the person at the shipping service that you need to track your application** when you mail it. Purchase tracking so that you know when your application is delivered. Make sure to get proof or a receipt when it is delivered.

## HOW TO DELIVER YOUR APPLICATION IN PERSON

Go to the physical location of the court. The court has a clerk window where you can ask questions and drop off documents. Bring:

- A **cover sheet**. There is a sample cover sheet in the “Sample Motion Cover Sheet” part of this fact sheet.
- The **receipt from USCIS** saying they received your asylum application.
- A **Certificate of Service** saying you sent a copy of your motion to the government lawyer or “OPLA office” (see the next step). There is a sample in the “Sample Certificate of Service” part of this fact sheet.

### Step 7

Send a copy of your motion to administratively close your case to the government lawyer or “OPLA office.”



Whenever you send a motion to Immigration Court, you must send a copy to OPLA too. This is also called “serving the government lawyer.” Send 1 **copy** of your motion to administratively close your case and the receipt letter from USCIS to your OPLA office. **Only do this step if you are in removal proceedings / immigration court proceedings.**

This address is different from the court’s address. To find the OPLA office assigned to your court, **call the court where your hearing is scheduled.** Ask for the name and address of the OPLA office assigned to your court.

**Tell the person at the shipping service that you need to track your application** when you mail it. Purchase tracking so that you know when your application is delivered. Make sure to get proof or a receipt when it is delivered.

## Step 8

Go to your biometrics appointment.



USCIS will mail you a letter that says you have a biometrics appointment. **Bring this letter with you to your appointment. Bring a photo ID to this appointment.** Bring a school ID with a photo or [Verification of Release card](#) from the Office of Refugee Resettlement if you don't have any other ID.

USCIS will take your fingerprints during the biometrics appointment. You need to fill out the back of the biometrics form.

**It is very important that you go to this appointment.** If you are scheduled for more than one biometrics appointment, go to all of them. Call the number on the letter right away if you need to reschedule your appointment.

At your biometrics appointment, the government official will stamp your appointment notice to prove that you went to the appointment. Keep a copy of the stamped notice for your records

## Step 9

Go to your interview with USCIS.



USCIS mails you a letter that tells you when and where to go for your interview. At this interview, you tell your story to an asylum officer and explain why you need asylum. You can bring more evidence to support your story to this meeting or mail it to USCIS before the interview.

LawHelpMN has a fact sheet about how to prepare evidence for USCIS. Scan the QR code or go to:

[lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/preparing-evidence-uscis](http://lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/preparing-evidence-uscis)



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## Step 10

USCIS notifies you of their decision.



USCIS mails you a letter that says whether your request for asylum was approved or denied.

### **If your application is approved:**

- You are eligible to apply for a new work permit that says you are an asylee. If you get this new work permit, use it even if you have an old permit. LawHelpMN has a fact that can help you apply for a work permit. Go to: [lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/how-get-permission-work-minnesota](http://lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/how-get-permission-work-minnesota)
- You are eligible to apply for a Green Card in 1 year.
- If you have a spouse or child that needs to derive, they can apply.
- You can go to the Social Security Office and get a Social Security Number. You can get an updated card without restrictions.
- Your I-94 form will come in the mail.

### **If your application is denied:**

- If you have no other immigration status: You are referred to immigration court and start over. You can present your asylum case to the judge.
- If you have Temporary Protected Status or some other form of immigration relief: You keep your other form of relief.



# Sample USCIS Cover Letter

Date: Write today's date here

USCIS  
Attn: UAC I-589  
P.O. Box 6893  
Chicago, IL 60680

Re: I-589, Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal for Unaccompanied Child

Applicant: Write your first and last name here

A#: Write your A-Number here

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find the following:

- Completed and signed Form I-589, Asylum Application
- Copy of Identity Documents
- Proof that you are an Unaccompanied Child (a letter from Department of Homeland Security or Office of Refugee Resettlement if you have one)
- Write any other documents you are sending here
- Write any other documents you are sending here

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Sign your first and last name here

(Signature)

Write your first and last name here

(Full Name)

Write your phone # here

(Your Phone #)

Write your address here

(Your Address)

Write "Detained" or "Non-Detained" here depending on your status



# Sample Motion Cover Sheet

Your Name:

Your Address:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW  
IMMIGRATION COURT

City and State:

In the Matters of:

(Your Name)

File No.: A   
(Your Alien Registration Number or A Number)

(Name)

File No.: A   
(Alien Registration Number or A Number)

(Name)

File No.: A   
(Alien Registration Number or A Number)

Only include this part if you have a spouse or child included in your immigration court case.

Immigration Judge:

## RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS



# Sample Certificate of Service

Write your full name here

(Respondent's Name)

Write your A-Number here

(Respondent's Alien Number)

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On Write today's date here, I, Write your full name here,  
(date) (printed name of person signing below)

served a copy of this **Motion to Administratively Close Removal Proceedings**,

and any attached pages to Write "Office of the Principal Legal Advisor for DHS – ICE" here  
(name of party served)

at the following address: Write the address of your OPLA office here  
(address of party served)

by Write how you will send a copy to the government lawyer (OPLA office). For example, "USPS priority mail."  
(method of service, for example overnight courier, hand-delivery, first class mail)

Sign your name here

(signature)

Write today's date here

(date)



# How to Fill Out Form I-589



## You must tell the truth in your asylum application.

**Only apply for asylum if you fear harm in your home country.** You must answer the questions on the asylum application form completely and honestly. If you lie on the application, you may never be able to apply for legal status in the United States again.

## General Tips for Filling Out the Form



**1**

You must complete the form in English.

**2**

Type your answers or write them in black ink.

**3**

If something on the form does not apply to you, write, "N/A" (Not Applicable) in the space. Do not leave blank boxes.

**4**

If you need more space to answer a question, write on the page labeled "Supplement B." Write your name and A-Number at the top of each Supplement B page. Sign and date each Supplement B page.

**5**

The instructions in this fact sheet are based on "Edition 01/20/25" of Form I-589. This fact sheet gives tips for filling out **some** of the questions. Make sure to read and answer **all** the questions. More instructions are at [uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-589instr.pdf](https://uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-589instr.pdf)

## Withholding of Removal Under the Convention Against Torture

There is a question at the top of the form on page 1. It asks if you also want to apply for protection under the convention against torture (CAT). **Check this box if you are afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned.**

Torture means someone inflicted severe physical or mental violence on you because they wanted to get information from you, punish you, or force you to do something you didn't want to do. Government or public officials must have allowed the violence or you must believe that the government could not or would not help you if asked.

### Part A.I. Information About You

This part of Form I-589 has 25 questions about your identity, how you entered the U.S., and your current immigration status. The table has tips for filling out **some** questions in Part A.I.

Question	Instructions
<b>Question 1</b> Alien Registration Number (A-Number) <i>(if any)</i>	Go to <a href="https://us-immigration.com">us-immigration.com</a> to find your A-Number.
<b>Question 3</b> USCIS Online Account Number <i>(if any)</i>	Your USCIS account number is different from your A-Number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>If you filed an application or petition using the USCIS online filing system,</b> you have an account number.</li><li>• <b>If you filed applications or petitions on a paper form through a USCIS Lockbox facility,</b> you have an account number. It is on your Access Notice.</li><li>• <b>If you do not have a USCIS Online Account Number or if you have not activated your account,</b> write "N/A" here.</li></ul>
<b>Question 4</b> Complete Last Name	If you have 2 last names, write both last names in the Complete Last Name box.
<b>Question 11</b> Marital Status	If your marriage is not recognized by the government or legal system of the place where you were married, do not answer, "Married."

Question	Instructions
<p><b>Question 16</b> Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group</p>	<p>Write any tribes, clans, or groups you belong to here.</p> <p>Also, write if you are a member of an indigenous group. An indigenous group is a group that is native to a certain area and may speak a different language or have a special culture. In the Americas, an indigenous group could be the Maya people or the Quechua people. An indigenous group sometimes speaks a language such as Mam or K'iche. If your family is indigenous or speaks one or more of these languages, you may also be indigenous even if you don't speak the language as well.</p> <p>The information you share here will not get you in trouble. It will not hurt your case.</p>
<p><b>Question 19b</b> What is your current I-94 Number, if any?</p>	<p>Customs and Border Protection (CBP) might have given you a Form I-94 when you were admitted to the U.S. This form has your Arrival-Departure Record Number. To get a copy of your Form I-94:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If you entered the U.S. at a seaport or airport after April 30, 2013</b>, go to: <a href="http://cbp.gov/i94">cbp.gov/i94</a></li> <li>• <b>File Form I-102</b> (Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record). Get Form I-102 at: <a href="http://uscis.gov/i-102">uscis.gov/i-102</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Question 21</b> Passport Number or Travel Document Number</p>	<p>If you have a passport or travel document, write that number here. If you do not have a passport or travel document, write "N/A."</p>

## Part A.II. Information About Your Spouse and Children

This part of Form I-589 asks questions about your spouse and children, if you have any. You must list your spouse and **all of your children**, including your biological children, stepchildren, and adopted children. Include your children that live in the United States and your children that live in other countries. Include children even if they never plan to come to the United States. Include children who have passed away. Include children you no longer speak to. **Use Supplement A at the end of form I-589 if you need more space to list your children.**

Question	Instructions
<p><b>Spouse Question 24</b> If in the U.S., is your spouse to be</p>	<p>If you are granted asylum, your spouse could also be granted asylum if they live in the United States and are in removal proceedings. Your spouse will only get asylum too if you include them on this application.</p> <p>Check "yes" if your spouse lives in the United States.</p>

Question	Instructions
included in this application?	
<p><b>Child Question 21</b></p> <p>If in the U.S., is this child to be included in this application?</p>	<p>If you are granted asylum, any of your unmarried children under age 21 at the time of the application could also be granted asylum if they live in the United States and are in removal proceedings. These children will only get asylum too if you include them on this application.</p> <p>Check “yes” for every unmarried child under 21 who lives in the United States.</p>

### Part A.III. Information About Your Background

This part of Form I-589 has 5 questions about where you lived in the past and where you have worked. It also has questions about your parents and siblings. Include as much information as you know. If you do not know the exact date for any of the questions, try to include the month and year. If you don’t know the exact date, write “Approx.” before the date. Example: “Approx. 05/1997”. It is important to tell the truth. **Do NOT make up information.** If you do not know the answer to a question, write “unknown.”

### Part B. Information About Your Application

This part of Form I-589 has 4 questions. This is where you say why you are applying for asylum. The questions ask why you are afraid to return home and what harm you have experienced. **If you need more space, you can write on Supplement B at the end of Form I-589. You can also attach additional pages with your complete story.** The table has tips for filling out Part B. It also has an example.

Question	Instructions	 <p><b>Example:</b> What Ixchel Wrote On Her I-589 Form</p>
<p><b>Question 1</b></p> <p>Why are you applying for asylum?</p>	<p>Check all the reasons that apply to you, your family, friends, and colleagues.</p> <p>Check the “Tortue Convention” box here if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are afraid of being tortured if your return home, <u>AND</u></li> <li>You the box on page 1 for “Withholding of Removal Under the Convention Against Torture”</li> </ul>	<p>Ixchel checked 2 boxes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Race</li> <li>Membership in a particular social group</li> </ul>

Question	Instructions	 <p><b>Example: What Ixchel Wrote On Her I-589 Form</b></p>
<p><b>Question 1A</b> Have you, your family, close friends, or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone?</p>	<p>If you check “yes,” write what happened in as much detail as you can. Be certain about the facts you share. <b>Your story needs to be the same every time you tell it.</b> Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific facts. Don’t use general statements.</li> <li>• Information about the person or group responsible for causing the harm.</li> <li>• What you believe will happen if you return to your country.</li> </ul>	<p>My father was abusive to my mother, my siblings, and me. My mother died when I was young and my father would hit us and punish us severely. I was very afraid. We went to live with my grandmother for a time but my father would look for us and always make us come back to his house and it would start again. I was scared every time he was in the house with us that he would hit us or even kill us. I was just a kid and had no one to protect me. The police in Guatemala do not care about these situations. My grandmother became too old to take care of my siblings and I and try to protect us from our father so we fled to the United States to escape his abuse.</p> <p>Also, I am indigenous and my family speaks Quiche as their first language. I often felt like the other kids at school would bully me because I am indigenous.</p>

Question	Instructions	 <p><b>Example: What Ixchel Wrote On Her I-589 Form</b></p>
<p><b>Question 1B</b> Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country?</p>	<p>Check “yes” if you fear you will be arrested, tortured, or killed if you return home. Describe in as much detail as you can what you think will happen. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who you are afraid of and why you think they will harm you. You don’t have to state the name of the person or people you fear if you do not know their names. You do need to name the group the person belongs to if you know the group name.</li> <li>• Try to say how the harm is tied to your race, nationality, ethnicity, religion, political opinion, gender, or membership in a social group.</li> </ul>	<p>I believe that my father will harm me if I return to Guatemala. He has repeatedly hit me and threatened to kill me. When my siblings and I have tried to go live with my grandmother in the past he has found us and made us go back to live with him. I think he will do this because he believes that as my father, he has the right to treat me this way because I am his child. No one is there to help you. Especially if you are indigenous. The police do not concern themselves with family matters.</p>
<p><b>Question 2</b> Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?</p>	<p>If you checked “yes,” describe what happened in as much detail as possible.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Question	Instructions	 <p><b>Example: What Ixchel Wrote On Her I-589 Form</b></p>
<p><b>Question 3A</b> Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups...?</p>	<p>If you checked “yes,” explain what group. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you think you will be harmed because of your activities within a particular organization or movement. Describe what those activities are.</li> <li>• <b>If you belonged to or supported a para-military or guerrilla organization, or any armed group, consult an immigration attorney before completing this application.</b></li> </ul>	<p>My family is K’iche’ (Quiché). We are one of the indigenous groups in Guatemala. Also, I went to a Catholic church in Guatemala with my grandmother.</p>
<p><b>Question 3B</b> Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in these organizations or groups?</p>	<p>If you checked “yes,” explain your role or your family’s role in the group. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership positions held.</li> <li>• Activities you participate in.</li> </ul>	<p>My family is K’iche’ (Quiché). We are one of the indigenous groups in Guatemala. In the United States I have found a new church that I go to with my aunt each week.</p>
<p><b>Question 4</b> Are you afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned?</p>	<p>If you checked “yes,” explain in as much detail what you think will happen to you. The torture must be by the government or with the government’s consent. The torture can be mental, physical, or both. <b>The torture does not have to be because of race, nationality, political opinion, membership in a social group or religion.</b> Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who you think will torture you and why.</li> <li>• If you were tortured in the past and what happened to you.</li> </ul>	<p>I am afraid I will be beaten and tortured and even killed by my father if I go back. I am afraid he will find me and the police will not do anything to protect me. The police in Guatemala believe the parents and not the kids.</p>

## Part C. Additional Information About Your Application

This part has 6 questions about your immigration status, travel history, and criminal record.

**Talk to an immigration lawyer BEFORE you mail your application if you answered “yes” to any question in Part C.**

If you were processed through the Office of Refuge and Resettlement, you were sent a Notice to Appear in Immigration Court. While this is not a crime, you have technically been charged with violating immigration law. This means, you should check the “yes” box for question 6. Then talk to an immigration lawyer before you mail your application.

## Part D. Your Signature

Sign the statement to confirm what you wrote on the form is correct. Write the address and phone number where USCIS can reach you.

## Part E. Declaration of the Person Preparing this Form, If Other Than the Applicant, Spouse, Parent, or Child

A “preparer” is anyone who helped you fill out the form. This might be a family member, friend, or lawyer. Did anyone help you fill out the form?

- **If yes**, write their name and contact information. They must also sign the form.
- **If no**, skip these questions.

## Part F. To Be Completed at Asylum Interview, if Applicable

Leave this section blank.

## Part G. To Be Completed at Removal Hearing, if Applicable

Leave this section blank.

## Supplement A.

Use this part if you need more space to enter information about your children. **Print and sign Supplement A even if you leave these pages blank.**

## Supplement B.

Use this part if you need more space to write about why you are afraid to return to your home country. **Print and sign Supplement B even if you leave these pages blank.**