

U Visa FAQs



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What is the U Visa?

In 2000, Congress passed a law making a visa available to victims of certain crimes including domestic violence without having an intimate relationship with the accused.

What are the requirements?

- You have to have been the victim of one of the crimes listed in the law. Some of them are: rape, kidnapping, domestic violence, and assault.
- You have to have been helpful, or will be helpful in the future, with the police or District Attorney.
- You have to have suffered physical or mental abuse as a result of the crime.

Do I need to be married to the accused and do they have to be a resident or citizen?

No. The law does not require you to be married to or even know the abuser. Also, the law does not require that the abuser has legal status.

Are the fees associated with this process?

Yes. There are fees associated with this process, but in some cases they can be waived.

Can members of my family be included in my application?

Some members of your family can be included on your application such as your spouse, children, parents, or siblings.

What are the benefits of applying for the U Visa?

It is possible that some members of your family may be included on your application, such as your spouse, children, parents, or siblings.

CONSULTATIONS ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

To arrange a consult if you believe you qualify please call:

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