U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services

I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

- Form I-589 (PDF, 335 KB)
- Instructions for I-589 (PDF, 295 KB)

Purpose of Form

To apply for asylum in the United States and for withholding of removal (formerly called "withholding of deportation"). You may file for asylum if you are physically in the United States and you are not a United States citizen.

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05/16/17. Starting 8/28/2017, we will only accept the 05/16/17 edition. Until then, you can use the 12/29/14 edition. You can find the edition date at the bottom of the page on the form and instructions.

Where to File

If you live in	Then file your application with the
• Alabama • Arkansas • Colorado • District of Columbia • Florida • Georgia • Louisiana • Maryland • Mississippi • New Mexico • North Carolina • Oklahoma • Puerto Rico • South Carolina • Tennessee • Texas • U.S. Virgin Islands • Utah • Virginia • West Virginia • Wyoming • Western Pennsylvania counties of Allegheny,	Texas Service Center Attn: Asylum P.O. Box 851892 Mesquite, TX 75185-1892

If you live in	Then file your application with the
Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland	
• Arizona • California counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, or Ventura • Guam • Hawaii • Nevada counties of Clark, Esmerelda, Nye or Lincoln	California Service Center P.O. Box 10881 Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0881
• Alaska • Idaho • Illinois • Indiana • Iowa • Kansas • Kentucky • Michigan • Minnesota • Missouri • Montana • Nebraska • North Dakota • Ohio • Oregon • South Dakota • Washington • Wisconsin • Any county in California or Nevada not listed above.	Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87589 Lincoln, NE 68501-7589
• Connecticut • Delaware • Maine • Massachusetts • New Hampshire	Vermont Service Center Attention: Asylum 75 Lower Welden Street St. Albans, VT 05479-0589

If you live in	Then file your application with the
• New Jersey • New York • Rhode Island • Vermont • A county in Pennsylvania which is not listed above	

If you are currently in Immigration Court: You must file your I-589 with the Immigration Court having jurisdiction over your case.

Don't forget to sign your form! We will reject any unsigned form.

Filing Fee

$0 (Biometrics services may be required at no cost.)

Special Instructions

This page can be found at https://www.uscis.gov/i-589

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