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Family-Sponsor Green Card Document Request

- *Please make sure the copies are enlarged and clear so that all stamps and entries are readable.*
 - *Please provide both original language and English translations of all documentation, and include a "Translation Certification" (using the sample included at the end of this document) with each translation.*
 - *Note that the translation can be done by anyone, and need not be done by a translation service or be notarized (or legalized).*
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Documentation Required From Every Person Sponsoring Someone for a Green Card

1. If you are a U.S. citizen, a copy of your birth certificate, passport or naturalization certificate.
 2. If you are a U.S. permanent resident, a copy of your "Resident Alien Card" (or green card).
 3. **Two** passport-style color photographs.
 4. Your W-2's and Federal income tax returns for the last three years.
 5. A recent pay stub.
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Documentation Required Based Upon the Type of Case

➤ **If You Are a Woman Sponsoring Your Own Child:**

1. A copy of the child's birth certificate.
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➤ **If You Are a Father Sponsoring Your Own Child:**

1. A copy of the child's birth certificate.
 2. A copy of your marriage certificate to the child's mother.
 3. If the child was born out of wedlock, a copy of the child's adoption papers, child-custody papers or other proof that you have a parent-child relationship.
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➤ **If You Are Sponsoring a Stepchild:**

1. A copy of the child's birth certificate.
2. A copy of the parent's marriage certificate.
3. A copy of the child's adoption or child-custody papers.
4. A copy of the birth-parent's divorce decree.

Note that the marriage must have occurred before the child's 18th birthday.

➤ **If You Are Sponsoring an Adopted Child:**

1. A copy of the child's adoption decree.
2. Evidence that the child has lived with the adoptive parents for at least two years (*either before or after the adoption*).

Note that the adoption must have occurred before the child's 16th birthday.

➤ **If You Are Sponsoring Your Mother:**

1. A copy of your birth certificate.
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➤ **If You Are Sponsoring Your Father:**

1. A copy of your birth certificate.
 2. A copy of your parent's marriage certificate.
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➤ **If You Are Sponsoring Your Brother or Sister (*i.e.*, a "Sibling"):**

1. A copy of both you and your sibling's birth certificates showing that you have common parents.
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Translation Certification

I certify that I, _____, speak, read and write both English and _____, and that the attached document, _____, is a true and accurate translation of the original.

Signature

Date