

## **K-3 Information**

### **Description**

The K-3 visa is issued to a foreign-born spouse of a United States citizen who is entering the United States while a petition for an immigrant visa (green card) is pending with the Citizenship and Immigration Services.

### **Basic Requirements Summary**

1. The couple must be legally wed and be able to show documented proof of the marriage. Cohabiting partners do not qualify for the K-3 visa.
2. An Immigrant Petition for Alien Relative must be filed with the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) prior to application for the K-3 visa. Evidence of filing for the K-3 visa application is a CIS-issued receipt notice for the Immigrant Petition.

A dependent child of a K-3 visa holder is considered a K-4 non-immigrant when accompanying the K-3 visa holder into the United States.

### **Validity Term**

The K-3 is valid for four months, but can be extended if the Immigrant Petition is not approved by the CIS before the end of the four-month period. Employment is authorized with the K-3 visa but only after issuance of an Employment Authorization Document.