

# VAWA

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR VAWA?

You may be eligible to apply for VAWA if you:

- are married to that U.S. Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident are the parent of U.S. Child  
Permanent Resident parent

## WHAT BENEFITS DOES VAWA PROVIDE?

An individual who is approved for VAWA:

- receives protection from deportation can work lawfully and is eligible to apply for a green card

# WHAT DO I HAVE TO SHOW TO APPLY FOR VAWA?

There are several requirements that need to be met and proven when applying for VAWA. You will need to demonstrate that you:

1. are the spouse or child of a U.S. Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident or the parent of a U.S. Citizen adult son or daughter,
2. were abused by the U.S. Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident family member,
  - a. Threatening to beat or terrorize you
  - b. Emotionally abusing you, such as insulting you at home or in public
  - c. Forcing you to engage in sexual activities
  - d. Threatening to deport you or turn you over to immigration authorities
  - e. Controlling where you go, what you can do, and who you can see
1. lived with the abuser at some time, with a person of good moral character, AND
2. are a person of good moral character, currently living in the U.S.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING AS A SPOUSE THEN YOU MUST ALSO SHOW THAT YOU

1. are legally married and in a bona fide marital relationship

# VAWA Process

The VAWA self-petition is filed on the Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant ([Form I-360](#)). An approved Form I-360 provides self-petitioners with immigrant classification as either immediate relatives or under a family-based preference category and allows them to apply for LPR status. An approved I-360 will work the same way as an approved I-130 petition from a US citizen spouse or adult son or daughter.

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