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Immediate Relatives

An Immediate Relative for immigration purposes is the spouse, minor child or parent of a U.S. citizen. See the [Green Card for Immediate Relatives of U.S. Citizen](#) page on the USCIS website for more info.

Family Preference Categories

Other family members eligible to apply for a Green Card are described in the following family “preference immigrant” categories:

First preference (F1) - unmarried sons and daughters (21 and older) of U.S. citizens;

Second preference (F2A) - spouses and children (unmarried and under 21) of lawful permanent residents;

Second preference (F2B) - unmarried sons and daughters (21 years of age and older) of lawful permanent residents;

Third preference (F3) - married sons and daughters of U.S. citizens; and

Fourth preference (F4) - brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens (if the U.S. citizen is 21+)

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