

How to Request a Certification for U nonimmigrant status (U visa) From the New York City Police Department (NYPD)

U nonimmigrant status (or U visa) allows victims, regardless of legal immigration status, to work with police, prosecutors, or other entities to keep themselves and our communities safe. Victims who choose to apply for a U visa must satisfy several federal requirements, which includes submitting a completed U visa certification (USCIS Form I-918, Supplement B) and other materials directly to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

For information about requirements for a U visa, visit www.uscis.gov and type "U visa" in the search box. For information about U visa related resources in New York City, visit www.nyc.gov/immigrants. For additional resources for victims of crime, visit www.nyc.gov/nypd.

Prepare Your Request

- All requests must be in a typed or clearly printed letter. Requests can be in the applicant's preferred language.
- At a minimum, the letter must:
 1. Identify the victim (include full name, with middle names and other names, such as maiden names or nick-names; date of birth; gender; phone number; and address)
 2. Describe the qualifying crime(s) (When and where did the crime(s) happen?)
 3. Describe the victim's assistance to the NYPD's investigation of the crime(s) (Is the victim currently assisting the NYPD? Was the victim helpful in the past? Is the victim likely to be helpful in the future?)
 4. Include a mailing address where the NYPD may send written responses related to the request
- If applicable, specify if:
 1. The victim is in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE)
 2. The victim is in removal or deportation proceedings
 3. One or more qualifying family members of the victim will become ineligible for derivative U nonimmigrant status within 3 months of the date of the letter

Send all requests to the NYPD's U visa Certification Office

By mail: Domestic Violence Unit / U visa Certification Office
New York City Police Department
One Police Plaza, Room 1312-O
New York, NY 10038

(Note: The Domestic Violence Unit reviews certification requests for all qualifying crimes.)

Please be advised: the NYPD does not submit any forms directly to USCIS on behalf of a victim. A completed certification is not a sponsorship or endorsement of a victim. A certification does not give immigration status or provide immigration protection. A completed certification also does not guarantee that USCIS will provide immigration status.