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## WHAT IS A U VISA?

A U visa is a type of **immigration status for victims of certain crimes** who have been helpful in the investigation or prosecution of that criminal activity.

### What does a U visa provide?

- ✓ Permission to remain in the United States
- ✓ Eligibility for a green card
- ✓ Eligibility for a work permit
- ✓ Ability to help family members get immigration status, too

### You could be eligible if you:

- ⇒ Have been the victim of a crime, have a close family member who has been the victim of a crime, or have otherwise been harmed by or witness to a crime
- ⇒ Suffered mental or physical abuse because of the crime (includes physical injuries, mental trauma, etc.)
- ⇒ Have been helpful or are likely to be helpful to law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of that crime (for example, by making a police report)

You need a law enforcement agency (like a police department) to fill out a form certifying that you have been helpful in the criminal investigation or prosecution of a crime that occurred in the United State or violated U.S. laws. There is no requirement that the perpetrator have immigration status or that you know the perpetrator. **There is no fee to apply for a U visa.** If you have a criminal arrest, conviction, or immigration violation on your record, you may still qualify for a U visa.

To find a trusted legal services provider and get screened to see if you could be eligible for a U visa, visit the *Immigration Advocates Network's* National Immigration Legal Services Directory at <https://bit.ly/ianimmhelp>.



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