

Photo requirements and specifications:

It is very important that all required photographs be submitted. Your entry will be disqualified if all required photographs are not submitted. Recent photographs of the following people must be submitted electronically with the Electronic Diversity Visa (E-DV) Entry Form:

- You
- Your spouse
- Each unmarried child under 21 years of age at the time of your electronic entry, including all natural children as well as all legally adopted children and step-children, *even if* a child no longer resides with you or you do not intend for a child to immigrate under the DV program.

You do not need to submit a photo for a child who is already a U.S. citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident. Group or family photographs will not be accepted; there must be a separate photograph for each family member.

Failure to submit the required photographs for your spouse and each child listed will result in an incomplete entry to the E-DV system. The entry will not be accepted and must be resubmitted. Failure to enter the correct photograph of each individual in the case into the E-DV system will result in disqualification of the principal applicant and refusal of all visas in the case at the time of the visa interview.

Submitting Your Digital Photograph

All photos must be recent, cannot have been digitally manipulated in any way, and must meet all technical specifications listed below. The image file can be produced either by taking a new digital photograph or by scanning a photographic print with a digital scanner.

Validating Your Digital Photograph

Entrants may test their photos for suitability through the photo validator link on the E-DV website before submitting their entries. The photo validator provides additional technical advice on photo composition, along with examples of acceptable and unacceptable photos.

Compositional Specifications

The submitted digital image must conform to the following compositional specifications or the entry will be disqualified.

- **Head Position**
 - The person being photographed must directly face the camera.
 - The head of the person should not be tilted up, down, or to the side.
 - The head of the person should cover about 50% of the area of the photograph.
- **Background**
 - The person being photographed should be taken with the person in front of a neutral, light-colored background.
 - Dark or patterned backgrounds are not acceptable.
- **Focus**
 - The photograph must be in focus.
- **Decorative Items**
 - Photographs in which the person being photographed is wearing sunglasses or other items that detract from the face will not be accepted.

- **Head Coverings and Hats**

- Photos of applicants wearing head coverings or hats are only acceptable if the head covering is worn for religious beliefs. The head covering may not obscure any portion of the face of the applicant. Photographs of applicants with tribal or other headgear not specifically religious in nature will not be accepted; photographs with applicants wearing military, airline, or other work-related hats will not be accepted.

Technical Specifications

Whether a scanned or original digital photograph, the submitted image must conform to the following specifications, or the system will automatically reject the E-DV Entry Form and notify the sender.

Image File Format:	JPEG
Image File Size:	Maximum: 240 KB
Image Resolution:	600 pixels x 600 pixels
Image Color Depth:	24-bit color
If scanned, scanner resolution:	At least 150dpi