

US B1/B2 Visitor Visa — Document Checklist

The B1/B2 visa covers tourism, visiting family and short business trips (meetings, conferences). You attend two appointments in India: biometrics at the Visa Application Center (VAC/OFC) and an in-person interview at the US Embassy or a Consulate. Since September 2025 you must apply in your country of nationality or residence, and children under 14 generally need their own appointment too. Officially you only need your passport, DS-160 confirmation and appointment letter — everything else is supporting evidence the officer may (or may not) ask to see. Your answers and your DS-160 matter most.

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Tick each box as you put the document in your file. **Required** = asked for in the official instructions. **Supporting** = carry if it applies to you; the officer may ask for it.

Required for the appointments

☐	Valid passport Valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay, with a blank page for the visa.	REQUIRED
☐	Old passports Bring every previous passport, especially any with earlier US visas.	SUPPORTING
☐	DS-160 confirmation page Printed page with the barcode. Name, date of birth and passport number must match your passport exactly.	REQUIRED
☐	Appointment confirmation letter Print it for both appointments — the VAC (biometrics/OFC) and the consular interview. Check it for any extra instructions; the letter overrides general guides.	REQUIRED

Usually not needed — carry just in case

☐	Visa fee (MRV) payment receipt Not normally needed at the counter — the fee is already linked to your booking. Keep the receipt number for your records and for rescheduling.	SUPPORTING
☐	Printed photograph Only if your DS-160 photo upload failed or the appointment letter asks for one: 2 x 2 in (51 x 51 mm), white background, taken in the last 6 months, no glasses. A photo is also captured at the VAC.	SUPPORTING

Supporting: finances (officer may ask)

☐	Bank statements — last 6 months Show regular income and savings. Avoid large unexplained deposits just before applying.	SUPPORTING
☐	Income Tax Returns (ITR-V) — last 2–3 years	SUPPORTING
☐	Fixed deposits, investments, property papers Help show ties to India.	SUPPORTING
☐	Sponsor letter + sponsor's financial documents If someone else is paying, with proof of relationship.	SUPPORTING

Supporting: work & ties to India

☐	Employment letter / leave approval On letterhead: designation, joining date, salary and approved leave dates.	SUPPORTING
☐	Salary slips — last 3 months	SUPPORTING
☐	Business owners: registration, GST, business ITR	SUPPORTING
☐	Students: bonafide certificate Plus parents' financial documents.	SUPPORTING
☐	Retired: pension statements	SUPPORTING
☐	Marriage / family documents Shows family ties staying back in India.	SUPPORTING

Supporting: purpose of trip

☐	Invitation letter from your US host With the host's address and immigration status (passport / green card / visa copy).	SUPPORTING
☐	Business invitation letter (B1) From the US company: meetings, dates and who pays.	SUPPORTING
☐	Conference / event registration	SUPPORTING
☐	Rough itinerary Don't buy non-refundable tickets before the visa is issued.	SUPPORTING

Tips before you submit

- Most B1/B2 interviews last 2–3 minutes — keep answers short, specific and honest.
- Every answer must match your DS-160. Re-read it the night before.
- Officers often don't look at documents. Hand them over only if asked.
- Each applicant, including children, needs their own DS-160 and appointment.

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