



SCHENGEN VISA – Visitor (relatives or friends)

General requirements:

- The applicant needs to be a resident of the USA

Please prepare the following documents for your interview:

- One completed application form for Schengen visa and declaration of accuracy of information
- One recent passport size photo
- Flight (roundtrip)/travel reservations and full itinerary (if several Schengen States will be visited or if the trip covers several Schengen States and non-Schengen countries) with the name of passenger and one copy
- A health insurance covering at least 30,000,- €, valid for all Schengen countries, including medical treatment, medical evacuation and medical repatriation back into the USA as well as repatriation of mortal remains. Only insurance confirmation, no letters of employer, is accepted. (see information #29)
- Visa fee: 60 Euro payable in US Dollars
- Applicant's valid passport and one photocopy of the data page. Please note these important regulations concerning your passport:
 - (a) its validity must exceed the duration of the intended stay in Germany by at least 3 months
 - (b) it must contain at least 2 blank pages
 - (c) it must have been issued within the previous 10 years
- recent proof of applicant's current residence in the USA
- Original of valid US alien registration card or valid US resident visa (type A, E, F plus endorsed I-20, G, H, I, J plus J1 document, L, O, R) and one copy
- Recent, informal signed invitation letter, passport copy and photocopy of residence permit if applicable from the host in Germany **OR** a formal obligation letter (Verpflichtungserklärung), notarized by an aliens authority in Germany and one copy
- Proof of sufficient means of subsistence for the intended journey, e.g. recent bank account statements during the last three months (Bank statements must show the name and address of the owner) and one copy
- Evidence letter of employment / student status/ unemployment/ pension letter that must be recent, in the original signed and one copy
- If you are financially supported by your spouse (you don't work yourself) please also provide your marriage certificate and one copy

Please note:

- In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional information
- For further, more specific questions that are not answered by this information, please contact via e-mail the German Mission/ Consulate in which consular district you reside.
- This information is intended to provide a point of reference for our clients. Though we have attempted to give as thorough and accurate information as possible, its applicability may vary according to each individual's need, and therefore we cannot assume responsibility for its contents.



German Missions in the United States

- Please ensure that your application documents are complete. Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.