

**Below is information from IRAP for applicants who are interested in learning more about Humanitarian Parole, and who wish to apply on their own. It is **NOT** guidance from USCIS, IOM, UNHCR, or any other organization.**

### **Humanitarian Parole**

Humanitarian Parole is a process that allows individuals to enter the United States temporarily for **urgent humanitarian reasons** or **significant public benefit**. Humanitarian Parole is only given for exceptional cases, and most Humanitarian Parole applications (75%) are not successful. Humanitarian Parole is only given to people who have no other legal option to enter the U.S.

Examples of successful Humanitarian Parole cases include:

- Someone who needs a lifesaving surgery that can only be done in the United States.
- Family reunification for a separated family member who is not eligible for a visa and is living under urgent threat or other extraordinary circumstances.
- Someone who needs to enter the United States to attend a criminal or civil court proceeding.

#### **Important Things to Know about Humanitarian Parole:**

- Anyone can apply for Humanitarian Parole, even if he or she is outside the United States.
- Parole into the United States is temporary, lasting only until the purpose of the parole has been accomplished; the maximum parole period is 365 days.
- You must leave the United States OR obtain a different immigrant status before your parole expires.
- Parole is not an admission to the United States or an immigrant status, so you cannot use parole to apply for public benefits.
- After you enter the United States, you may pursue options to get permanent status, including filing for asylum. If your application is unsuccessful and you have exhausted your appeals, you will then be required to leave the U.S.

**In order to apply for Humanitarian Parole, you must complete the following forms and provide the following information:**

- **Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, with a filing fee of \$575 USD**
  - With this form, you must include a copy of your passport and two passport-style photos.
  - The form must have an original (wet ink) signature.
  - If you are applying for multiple people, you must submit a separate Form I-131 for each person (including children) and a separate filing fee of \$575 for each person.
  - If you do not have enough money to pay the filing fee of \$575, you can try to apply for a Fee Waiver by filing [Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver](#).
- **Form I-134, Affidavit of Support**
  - A sponsor in the United States must complete this form to prove that you will not become a burden on the United States during your parole period. The sponsor must prove

that he or she has enough income, savings, and assets to support the individual(s) applying for Humanitarian Parole.

- The form must have an original (wet ink) signature.
  - Your sponsor must provide evidence of their income, savings, and assets. They should provide copies of their income tax returns for the last two years, proof of current employment and salary, proof of house or car ownership, proof of bank savings, etc.
  - Your sponsor must also provide a copy of their passport.
  - Importantly, signing this form does not necessarily mean that the sponsor will need to pay for or provide housing for the individuals if they are granted parole. It is just a guarantee that the individuals will have the support if they need it.
  - If you are unsure if your sponsor has enough income, savings, and assets to satisfy the requirement, you can look at the Federal Poverty Guidelines: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/15poverty.cfm#guidelines>. Their 'household size' will include the number of individuals they are sponsoring plus the number of dependent family members. For example, if your sponsor is married with two kids and they are sponsoring you and your wife, the relevant household size will be six (you, your wife, your sponsor, your sponsor's wife, and their two children).
- **Form G-1145, E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance (optional)**
    - If you would like to receive a text message or email notification when your Form I-131 has been accepted for review, include this form.
  - **In addition to these forms, you must provide the following information:**
    - A written description of why you (or your family member) should be granted Humanitarian Parole for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit. Be as descriptive and detailed as possible. If you or your family member is being threatened, describe those threats. Attach any evidence that supports your case.
    - A statement explaining why you cannot obtain a U.S. Visa. If you have attempted to apply for one, include a description of when and where the attempts were made. If you have never applied for one, include a description of why you never applied.
    - If you are requesting Humanitarian Parole for medical reasons, you must submit evidence from doctors or medical professionals that detail your medical condition, your need for treatment, and that you cannot currently get adequate treatment where you are located. You must also provide a statement of who will provide and pay for your medical care, transportation, housing, food, and other needs.
    - If you are requesting Humanitarian Parole because you were formerly a refugee, asylee, or Green Card holder in the United States but have since returned to your country and lost your status, include a description and evidence about why you went back to your country, why you didn't apply to return to the United States sooner, and any changed circumstances you face.
    - For all Humanitarian Parole cases, letters from U.S. family members, friends, and U.S. Congressional representatives can be included to support your case.

**All requests for parole must be submitted to:**

*For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Deliveries:*  
USCIS  
PO Box 660865  
Dallas, TX. 75266

*For Express mail and courier deliveries:*  
USCIS  
Attn: HP  
2501 S. State Hwy 121, Business  
Suite 400  
Lewisville, TX 75067