

## **USCIS: United for Ukraine Info Sheet**

On April 21, 2022, the United States announced a key step toward fulfilling President Biden’s commitment to welcome Ukrainians fleeing Russia’s invasion. Uniting for Ukraine provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the United States to come to the United States and stay temporarily in a two-year period of parole. Ukrainians participating in Uniting for Ukraine must have a supporter in the United States who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay in the United States.

**The first step in the Uniting for Ukraine process is for the U.S.-based supporter to file a [Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support](#), with USCIS. The supporter will then be vetted by the U.S. government to ensure that they are able to financially support the individual whom they agree to support.**

**For full information, please visit: [Uniting for Ukraine | USCIS](#)**

**Upon request, our office will be happy to submit a letter requesting “full and fair consideration” of your request to USCIS once your application is received and in process.**

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### **Important Definitions:**

**Eligible Supporter:** An individual who holds lawful status in the United States or is a parolee or beneficiary of deferred action or Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) who has passed security and background vetting and demonstrated sufficient financial resources to receive, maintain, and supports the individuals whom they commit to support for the duration of their stay in the United States.

Examples of individuals who meet the supporter requirement include: U.S. citizens and nationals, lawful permanent residents (including lawful temporary residents and conditional permanent residents), nonimmigrants in lawful status (i.e., maintain the nonimmigrant status and have not violated any of the terms or conditions of the nonimmigrant status), asylees, refugees, parolees, TPS holders, and beneficiaries of deferred action (including DACA) or Deferred Enforced Departure.

**Eligible Beneficiary:** The Ukrainian citizen (or their non-Ukrainian immediate family member) who is outside the United States and who may be considered for parole under Uniting for Ukraine.

Immediate family members in this process include:

- the spouse or common-law partner of a Ukrainian citizen; and
- their unmarried children under the age of 21. NOTE: If a child is under 18, they must be traveling with a parent or legal guardian in order to use this process.

- Note: To be eligible for this process, **children under the age of 18 must be traveling to the United States in the care and custody of their parent or legal guardian.**

### **Can the standard parole process be used to seek travel authorization for a Ukrainian child whose adoption is not yet complete?**

- This process may not be used by prospective adoptive parents or in circumvention of any adoption processes. Those seeking information about adoption should visit the [DOS Ukraine Adoption Information Page](#).

### **How to Be Considered for Parole Under Uniting for Ukraine**

Ukrainian beneficiaries **cannot** directly apply for parole under Uniting for Ukraine. A supporter must first complete and file Form I-134 with USCIS on behalf of a Ukrainian beneficiary and include information about them and contact details, such as email address. If the Form I-134 is deemed sufficient by USCIS, the Ukrainian beneficiary will receive information from USCIS about the next step in the process to be considered for authorization to travel to the United States and parole consideration by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

**As of April 25, 2022, the primary process for Ukrainians fleeing Russia's invasion and seeking parole into the United States is through Uniting for Ukraine. This process enables approved Ukrainians to travel to the United States, be considered for parole for a period of up to two years and be eligible to apply for employment authorization while in the United States.**

The United States strongly encourages Ukrainians in Europe who seek to travel to the United States to complete the request from Europe.

**Ukrainians who present at U.S. land ports of entry without a valid visa or without pre-authorization to travel to the United States through Uniting for Ukraine may be denied entry and referred to apply through this process.**

Ukrainians who have a pending request for parole filed with USCIS on Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, but wish to be considered for parole under Uniting for Ukraine instead must have their supporter submit a Form I-134 following these instructions to be considered for parole under Uniting for Ukraine. USCIS will provide petitioners who currently have a pending Form I-131 for a Ukrainian beneficiary with a notice explaining the process to be considered for parole under Uniting for Ukraine and the actions they must take if they would like to withdraw their Form I-131 in light of the new Uniting for Ukraine process.