

K-1 Visa Timeline

FROM PETITION TO MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.



1 File Form I-129F

U.S. citizen files Form I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e), with USCIS.

~ 6–12 months



2 USCIS Review & Approval

USCIS reviews the petition and issues a Notice of Approval (Form I-797).

~ 6–12 months



3 National Visa Center (NVC) Processing

The case is sent to the National Visa Center (NVC) for processing and forwarded to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

~ 2–4 weeks



4 Consular Interview Abroad

The fiancé(e) attends a visa interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their home country.

~ 1–3 months



5 Visa Issuance & Entry into U.S.

If approved, the K-1 visa is issued, and your fiancé(e) can travel to the United States.

~ 1–2 weeks



6 Marriage Within 90 Days

You must marry within 90 days of your fiancé(e)'s arrival in the U.S.

Within 90 days



Timelines are estimates and may vary based on USCIS processing times, embassy schedules, and individual circumstances.