



## UNITING FOR UKRAINE: STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE BENEFICIARY'S REQUIREMENTS

### Overview

After the sponsor's application is approved, beneficiaries should receive 2 emails:

First, beneficiaries should receive a confirmation notice.

Second, they should receive an account notice explaining how to create a USCIS account to add their information and link their confirmed I-134.

After they set up their USCIS account, they will need to:

1. Confirm their biographic information and, if necessary, correct their passport information.
2. Complete their vaccination attestation, found here: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine/uniting-for-ukraine-vaccine-attestation>
3. Complete their minor eligibility attestation, found here: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine/minor-eligibility-attestation>
4. Add travel group members to the primary beneficiary's case and complete their attestations
5. Submit all the information to CBP

The USCIS interface is in English, but it may be helpful to send them these instructions in advance and guide them through the steps if necessary.

Please note that some of the specific language or requirements may have changed since these screenshots were created. The content of the current requirements can be found on the USCIS Uniting for Ukraine page in English and Ukrainian at this link: <https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>

There is no set time frame for how long it takes to issue the travel authorization to the beneficiary, but it usually takes less time than approving the sponsor's application. It depends to some extent on how quickly the beneficiary can fill out and submit all the required information and attestations, and whether someone in the beneficiary's travel group raises any security alerts or other flags during the vetting process due to previous U.S. visits.

Finally, beneficiaries in a travel group may receive their travel authorization approvals at different times. If there is more than one beneficiary in a travel group, they may need to wait for all the travel authorizations to be received before making their travel arrangements. Once they travel authorizations are issued, they will have 90 days in which to travel to the United States.

## Instructions for Beneficiaries

First, the beneficiary will receive an account notice explaining how to create a USCIS account to add their information and link their confirmed I-134. The USCIS interface will look something like the lefthand pane of this screenshot:

### Enter Online Access Code and DOB



**Add A Case To Your Account**

Enter your Online Access Code and your date of birth  
Your code is located on the Account Notice that you received from USCIS.



It can take up to 30 days to receive your Account Notice that includes your Online Access Code. If it has been more than 30 days since you submitted your case and you have not received your code, you should request a new one.

**Special Instructions for I-134 Beneficiaries:**  
If you are a beneficiary of a confirmed Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support, USCIS will send your Online Access Code to the email address the supporter provided for you on the Form I-134.

Online Access Code

Example: ABCDE-1234-ABCD

**You should provide a response.**

Date of Birth

MM/DD/YYYY

- Enter Online Access Code and date of birth.
- The Account Notice we emailed you shows the code.
- To request a new code, use this link: [my.uscis.gov/account/v1/needhelp](https://my.uscis.gov/account/v1/needhelp)

Then the beneficiary can log in and complete the actions shown in the dashboard and complete each task listed here:

### I-134 Primary Beneficiary Case Card



**Your Cases**

**I-134 Declaration of Financial Support**  
Submitted on 06/15/2021 | Renewal on 06/15/2021

**You have actions to take in order to obtain travel authorization to the U.S.**

Complete the steps below to request authorization to travel to the U.S. This step provides the information and attestations only for yourself, or you may add other individuals from your family or your travel group and submit the information and attestations on their behalf. If you add other individuals, they each must be a beneficiary of a confirmed Form I-134.

If you have a new kinship sponsor or DHS, you must add each of them as a travel group member before you submit information to Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Otherwise, they will not be able to attend for them.

Once you provide this information and complete the attestations for yourself and any individuals you have added, you must submit all information to CBP by clicking "Submit to CBP". Failure to submit to CBP will delay receipt of your travel authorization to the U.S. You cannot add any additional group members after submitting the information and attestations to CBP. You will receive additional information, including travel authorization status, to your account for yourself and any travel group members.

Your Steps	Action
1. Confirm your biographic information	Start
2. Complete your vaccination attestation	Start
3. Complete your eligibility attestations	Start
4. Add any travel group members to your case and complete their attestations (if applicable)	Start
5. Submit all information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)	Submit to CBP

**Travel Group Members** | Case Status | Action

You may add travel group members to provide information and complete attestations on their behalf. Each added travel group member must be a beneficiary of a confirmed Form I-134. You cannot add yourself as a travel group member. Any travel group members who are not immediate relatives must be added to their immediate parent or kinship sponsor's account.

Once you add a travel group member, you must complete all required attestations on their behalf. If you no longer want to include the travel group member in your submission, you can remove them before you submit to CBP.

**Note:** You cannot add a travel group member after you submit to CBP.


Case card lists what beneficiary needs to do:

1. Confirm biographic information.
2. Complete vaccination attestation.
3. Complete eligibility attestations, affirming bene is not a perm. resident, dual national, or in refugee status in another country.
4. Add travel group members (if any) and complete their attestations. (Do this step only if traveling with other people.)
5. Submit to CBP.

Step 1: Confirm their biographic information and, if necessary, correct their passport information:

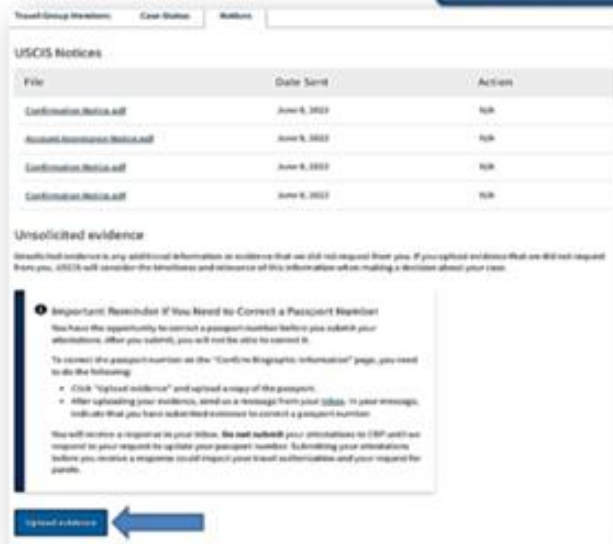
## Confirm Biographic Info

- Review and confirm biographic information supporter provided.
- Beneficiary can correct some information.
- Beneficiary cannot change basis of filing, receipt number, Alien Number, passport number, or passport-issuing country.
- Beneficiary also must confirm where they physically live.



## Correcting a Passport Number

- Upload a picture of your valid, unexpired passport as "Unsolicited Evidence" (bottom of "Notices" tab).
- Name the image "Correct Passport Number."
- Send us a message from your inbox saying that you submitted evidence to correct your passport number.
- We will respond to you with a message in your inbox.
- DO NOT submit attestations to CBP until you get a response from us.



Step 2: Complete their vaccination attestation (sample language can found here: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine/uniting-for-ukraine-vaccine-attestation>):

# Attest to Having Required Vaccinations



## Pre-travel attestations

- Measles Vaccine
- Polio Vaccine
- COVID-19 Vaccine

There are exceptions to the vaccine requirement for each type of vaccine.

Vaccine Attestation

Pre-travel Attestations:

Measles Vaccine (Select one)

I have received at least one dose of measles vaccine.

I am not vaccinated against measles but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I am younger than 12 months old or was born prior to 1957.

I am not vaccinated against measles, but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I:

- Have a history of a severe (anaphylactic) reaction to a previous dose or to any component of the vaccine (such as gelatin or neomycin);
- Am pregnant;
- Had a recent blood transfusion or other blood products;
- Have a known severe immunodeficiency; or
- Have a family member (parent, brother, or sister) with a history of hereditary or congenital immune system problem.

Polio Vaccine (Select one)

I have received at least one dose of polio vaccine.

I am not vaccinated against polio but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I am younger than 6 weeks old.

I am not vaccinated against polio but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I have a history of a severe (anaphylactic) reaction to a previous dose or to any component of the vaccine.

I am not vaccinated against polio because the vaccine is not approved or licensed for use in my age group, but I will get vaccinated within 14 days of arrival in the US.

Step 3: Complete their minor eligibility attestation (sample language found here: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine/minor-eligibility-attestation>):

## Minor Eligibility Attestation

As a prospective parolee for the *Uniting for Ukraine* parole process, DHS wants to ensure you are aware of the program eligibility requirements for children under the age of 18.

Children who are under the age of 18 may only participate in *Uniting for Ukraine* if they are traveling to the United States with and in the care and custody of their parent or legal guardian. Parents or legal guardians traveling with a minor child should be prepared to provide documentation of their relationship to the child upon arrival to the United States. If this proof is not available, for the protection and welfare of the child, U.S. law may require that the child be placed in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Please complete the below attestation to certify your understanding of the family relationship requirement for children participating in *Uniting for Ukraine*.

I understand that only minors (under the age of 18) traveling with and in the care and custody of a parent or legal guardian are eligible to participate in the *Uniting for Ukraine* process.

If I travel with a child of whom I am the parent or legal guardian, I am able to provide documentation as evidence of my parental relationship or legal guardianship of the child. Evidence may include a birth certificate for the child, and identity documents for the parent or legal guardian. Generally, evidence of legal guardianship requires that a legal or administrative process involving the courts or other recognized government entity take place (i.e., a power of attorney or written and/or notarized statement is not a formally recognized arrangement).

If I travel with a child of whom I am not the parent or legal guardian, then it is possible that upon arrival at the United States Port of Entry, the child will be referred to the Department of Health and Human Services as an unaccompanied child.

# Attest To Having Required Vaccinations

## COVID-19 Vaccine (Select one)

- I have received at least one dose of a US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 vaccine with World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL). If not fully vaccinated, I will complete a recommended COVID-19 vaccine series within 90 days after arrival. If the COVID-19 vaccine I received cannot be determined or is not available in the United States, I will receive at least one dose of an FDA approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine according to the guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html>
- I have not received at least one dose of an US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 vaccine with World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I am too young. I will start a COVID-19 vaccine series within 90 days of arrival to the United States or reaching the eligible age, whichever is later, and will complete my recommended primary vaccine series in accordance with current CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html>
- I am older than 6 months of age, but I am not vaccinated against COVID-19 because the vaccine is not approved or licensed for use in my age group where I have been residing. I will start a COVID-19 vaccine series within 90 days of arrival to the United States and will complete my recommended primary vaccine series in accordance with current CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html>
- I have not received at least one dose of an US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 vaccine with World Health Organization Emergency Use List (WHO EUL) but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I have a history of a known medical contraindication to the COVID-19 vaccine. Contraindications are listed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#contraindications>

Step 4: Add travel group members to the primary beneficiary's case and complete their attestations by entering each beneficiary's Alien Number, passport number, and USCIS receipt number:

## Add Travel Group Member(s) (if any)



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services | My Account | Resources | Sign Out

### Add Travel Group Member

Please enter the travel group member's information. Each travel group member must be a beneficiary of a confirmed Form I-134. You can find your travel group member's A-number and receipt number on their Form I-134 Confirmation Notice or Account Notice. You cannot add yourself as a travel group member.

You may only add a travel group member if the individual is either a Venezuelan citizen or your immediate family member of any nationality. Immediate family members eligible for parole are:

- Spouses or common-law partners of Venezuelan citizens, and
- Unmarried children under age 21 of Venezuelan citizens.

Once you add a travel group member, you must complete all required attestations on their behalf. If you no longer want to include the travel group member in your submission, you can remove them before you submit to CBP.

#### Travel Group Member Information

A-number:       Passport Number:

You must provide a response.       You must provide a response.

Receipt Number:

You must provide a response.

- Beneficiary can add travel group members. (This is optional, but helpful if travelling with a group.)
- Each person added must be a beneficiary on a confirmed Form I-134.
- A-Number and receipt number are on Confirmation/Account Notice.
- If you add a travel group member, you must complete attestations for each person and submit to CBP.

Step 5: Submit all the information to CBP:

## Confirm Submission to CBP



**1** Are you sure you want to submit all information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)?

Once you submit all information to CBP, you will not be able to add any more travel group members to your case and you will not be able to edit any information. This action cannot be undone.

**Yes, submit to CBP** Cancel

- Beneficiary must confirm they want to submit information to CBP.
- Beneficiaries cannot add travel group members after this point or make any more edits.
- Beneficiaries should review carefully. This cannot be undone.

## Post-submission to CBP



- After beneficiary submits to CBP, the summary of the case case card looks like this.
- Now they wait for CBP to issue a decision on their travel authorization.
- Beneficiary will get email notification when decision is made.
- Check account often.

Your Cases

1134 Declaration of Financial Support  
Submitted on May 24, 2021 | Request ID: 10011001001

**1** Your information and attachments were successfully submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

Your next step is to receive information about your travel authorization decision from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

We will notify you by email when CBP sends the travel authorization decision for you and any travel group member you may have added. There is no additional action required at this time.

See how to receive information

Your Steps	Action
1. Confirm your biographic information	Submitted
2. Complete your recovation affidavit	Submitted
3. Complete your minor eligibility affidavit	Submitted
4. <b>(Optional)</b> Add any travel group members to your case and complete their affidavits	Submitted
5. Submit all information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)	Submitted

Travel Group Members

Member	Steps	Action
MEMBER1000000001	Confirm biographic information	Submitted
January 2021	Complete recovation affidavit	Submitted
	Complete minor eligibility affidavit	Submitted

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After the beneficiaries submit their information to CBP, the vetting process will take place by CBP. If everything is verified and approved, beneficiaries will receive an email instructing them to check their USCIS account for the result of their authorization to travel. If travel is authorized, they will receive a notice with further instructions. Please note that beneficiaries may receive their travel authorization emails and approvals at different times. Here is what the travel communications will look like:

## When CBP Authorizes Travel



- If CBP authorizes travel, beneficiary should check their “Notices” tab to view travel authorization notice.
- Travel authorization notice for travel group members may not be ready at the same time.
- Beneficiaries should continue to check their account for notices.

Your Cases

I-134 Declaration of Financial Support  
Submitted on October 30, 2020 | Request # 0000000000

**0** You received an update from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) about your travel authorization decision. Please check the “Notices” tab to view the travel authorization decision.

**Update on travel authorization decision and requirements after arriving in the U.S.**

Check your “Notices” tab to view your travel authorization decision from CBP. If you have travel group members, their travel authorization decisions may not be available yet. Please continue to check your account for their travel authorization decisions.

Once you travel to the U.S. and are granted parole, you will need to complete a Substantive Declaration for yourself and all travel group members, if any.

[View your Substantive Declaration](#)

Your Steps	Action
1. Complete your Substantive Declaration after arriving in the U.S.	Start
2. Complete the Substantive Declaration for your group members after arriving in the U.S.	See “Travel Group Members” section below to complete their applications.
3. Submit all information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)	Submit to CBP

Travel Group Members

Travel Group Members	Steps	Action
VEN, 00000000	Complete Substantive Declaration	Start
January 3, 2020		

The travel authorization will look like this but will contain a line under this text with the beneficiary's name, Alien Number, passport number, date of birth, approval status, and expiration date:



### TRAVEL AUTHORIZED

Your travel authorization has been approved and you are now authorized to travel to the United States under the Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) process to seek parole. You must meet all requirements for boarding an aircraft. This document does not grant you parole. Upon arrival to the United States, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer will make the determination on parole once you arrive at a port of entry.

You are responsible for arranging your own travel to the United States. You are highly encouraged to travel to the United States via air. Please be prepared to show this status page to airline personnel along with your passport and other appropriate identification. If you are traveling with a child under 18 years old, you should be prepared to provide proof that the child is traveling with a parent or legal guardian. For their protection, children who are not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian may be placed in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

They can then make travel arrangements to come to the U.S.

Beneficiaries will receive their travel authorizations automatically after they have completed and submitted their required information outlined in my previous email. Sometimes, the travel authorizations are sent at different times to members of the travel group. They should not be alarmed if all the travel authorizations do not all arrive at the same time. Once they travel authorizations are issued, they will have 90 days in which to travel to the United States.

## Vaccinations and Health Testing Requirements

Beneficiaries who are not previously vaccinated against measles, polio, and at least one dose of the COVID-19 will need to receive those vaccines before they are allowed to travel. Once they get those, they will need to submit attestations in their USCIS accounts of having been vaccinated. Then CBP will process their requests for travel authorizations.

Once they are paroled into the United States, beneficiaries will need to complete a medical attestation within 90 days of arrival that they will comply with the medical screening for tuberculosis and get the remaining COVID vaccination if they only got one dose before arrival. They should arrange for their own vaccinations and medical screening for tuberculosis, including an Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) blood test. Children who are at least 2 years old are also required to complete a medical screening for tuberculosis within 90 days of arrival. Children under 2 years old who qualify for an exception to the tuberculosis test screening don't need to get the screening, but they still need to complete the medical attestation within 90 days of arrival. Beneficiaries who test positive for tuberculosis must take the appropriate measures, including additional screening, and, if applicable, a chest radiograph, isolation, and treatment.

Here is a preview of the health attestation page:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine/uniting-for-ukraine-vaccine-attestation>

Beneficiaries are not required to provide records of pre-travel vaccinations. They only need to submit responses in the attestations that they received the required pre-travel vaccinations. For more information on health and vaccination requirements/attestations, take a look at our article: <https://ukrainetaskforce.org/uniting-for-ukraine-vaccination-and-testing-requirements/>

Beneficiaries should also check for new/other travel requirements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that are not specific to Uniting for Ukraine, including pre-departure testing for COVID-19. In addition, they should check with the airline they plan to use to see if there are extra requirements for passengers.

## Certified Translations and Traveling with Children

It is strongly recommended to travel with a certified translation of a child's birth certificate (or proof of Legal Guardianship). When a minor child arrives at a U.S. airport, Customs and Border Protection will ask to see these documents. If the documents are in Ukrainian or a language other than English, the CBP officer may not accept them if they cannot translate them or a translator is not available to verify the document's content. If the CBP officer is unable to confirm that the adult has legal authorization to travel with the child, then the adult and child could be separated while they are questioned and the situation is investigated. For more information on traveling with children, take a look at our article: <https://ukrainetaskforce.org/traveling-with-children-through-uniting-for-ukraine/>

There are certified translation services available online that handle official documents. Here is one service that some of our attorneys use: <https://rushtranslate.com/>. Alternately, the Consulate General of Ukraine in the country where the beneficiaries are residing may be able to assist with this.

Children who do not have their own passport should be included ("inscribed") into a parent's passport. All travelers must have a passport that is valid for international travel (not simply an "internal" passport for Ukraine).





## What to Expect at the CBP Interview

When the beneficiaries arrive at the airport, they will be interviewed by CBP officers before being officially paroled.

For the CBP interview at the airport, the following guide published by one of our collaborating organizations may be useful. The vaccine and health testing information may have changed slightly since this publication was written, so please refer to the guidance in the previous section for the most up to date information on health requirements.

<https://ukrainetaskforce.org/uniting-for-ukraine-beneficiaries-preparing-for-interview-with-u-s-customs-and-border-protection/>

We will update this guide shortly.

## Travelers with Disabilities or Lack of English Understanding

Passengers with disabilities and/or who do not speak English should contact their airline to tell them to arrange a representative to speak with CBP on behalf of the passengers at arrival. The airline should be notified before travel that the passengers will need assistance. The airline representative will then speak with CBP on behalf of the passengers. Ideally, the airline will be able to provide an interpreter, or, an interpreter should travel with the passengers. Also, the beneficiaries may want to print notices in English informing the airline staff and CBP officers that they do not speak English and/or have a disability that requires additional staff to assist.

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