

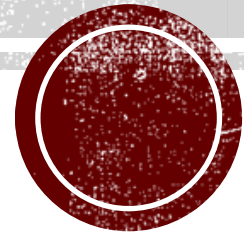
PRESENTS:

ASYLEE “LIFE HACKS”

How to Get a Green Card, Travel Abroad, Avoid
Paying for a Work Permit, and Other Tips

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WORKING IN THE U.S.

- Asylees/Refugees do NOT need a Work Permit to work in the U.S.
- For I-9, you can provide:
 - Passport + I-94 (showing asylum/refugee grant) OR
 - Driver License + Social Security Card
- You can apply for Work Permit by filing Form I-765 with USCIS
 - Initial employment application has NO FILING FEE (even if you were paying filing fees while the asylum application was pending)
 - Renewal filing fee is \$410 – BUT YOU DON'T NEED A WORK CARD

REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENT

- Valid for 1 year
- Functions like a passport
- File Form I-131 with USCIS
 - Filing fee: \$105 - \$220
 - File while still in U.S.—at least 60 days prior to travel (some exceptions)
- Warning: Do not visit country of persecution

ASYLUM FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

- Eligible family members:
 - Spouse
 - Married before granted asylum
 - Child (unmarried and under 21 when you first applied for asylum/refugee status). Includes:
 - Step-children; and
 - Children conceived before granted asylum
- Family members can be inside or outside of U.S.
- Must file within 2 years of becoming asylee/refugee
- Can file even if principal has died!
- File Form I-730 with USCIS
- Cannot petition if you are already U.S. citizen

GREEN CARD

- Can apply for green card if:
 - Have remained in U.S. for 1 year since obtaining status as asylee/refugee
 - Admissible
 - If you have criminal history, previously been deported, entered illegally, or have certain health issues, you should consult immigration attorney
 - Discretion
- File Form I-485 with USCIS
 - Filing fee may be waived – file Form I-912
- If inadmissible, you may be eligible for a waiver
 - Consult an immigration attorney
 - File Form I-602 with USCIS

U.S. CITIZENSHIP

- Asylees/Refugees who become permanent residents can apply for U.S. citizenship 1 year early
 - Generally, 4 years after becoming LPR
- File Form N-400 with USCIS



THANK YOU!

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