



Immigration Advisory

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Diversity Lottery Starts Today

Each year, the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program makes 55,000 “diversity visas”, or green cards, available annually, drawn from random selection among entries of individuals who are from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. There is no application fee, but successful applicants must meet certain eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Department of State.

This year, the registration period for this program starts at Noon EDT on Wednesday October 5, 2010 and ends at Noon EDT on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. Interested applicants should note that the application window has been shortened by one month, making it more important than ever to apply early for this program.

For information and instructions on this process, please visit the U.S. Department of State’s official website at:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html.

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