

IMMIGRATION OPTIONS FOR UKRAINIANS

TPS: An Option for Ukrainians already in the United States:

Temporary Protected Status:

- Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a temporary immigration status for people who are **already in the United States** and cannot return to their home country due to armed conflict or environmental disaster.
- The U.S. Government decides which countries are on the TPS list.

What does TPS provide:

- Protection from detention and deportation
- Authorization to work in the U.S. legally
- May travel outside the U.S. with permission

You may qualify for TPS if:

- You are from Ukraine or you lived in Ukraine
- You came to the U.S. by **April 11, 2022** and
- You apply for TPS by **October 19, 2023**

Considerations:

- Some trips outside the U.S., crime, or other circumstances can disqualify you from TPS.
- TPS does not lead to permanent residency or citizenship.
- **TPS is only one option. You may be eligible for other immigration benefits in addition to TPS, including asylum or family-based petitions! You should consult with a trusted legal representative before applying.**

For more information, visit www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/TPS-Ukraine

Immigration Options for Ukrainians who wish to come to the United States:

Uniting for Ukraine:

- Provides a pathway for **Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the United States** to come to the U.S. and stay for a period of 2 years.
- Ukrainians participating in the program must have a supporter in the U.S. who agrees to provide them financial support for the duration of their stay.

Supporter Eligibility:

- Must be in the U.S. and hold lawful immigration status
- Must pass security and background vetting
- Must demonstrate sufficient financial resources to support the individuals they commit to sponsoring for 2 years

Beneficiary Eligibility:

- Ukrainian citizen and their immediate family members who are outside of the U.S.
- Immediate family members include:
 - Spouse or common-law partner of a Ukrainian citizen
 - Unmarried children under the age of 21

Considerations:

- There is **no fee** to apply for humanitarian parole through Uniting for Ukraine! Beware of fraud and scams.
- Supporters should consider whether they have the resources to fully support the person they are sponsoring
- Beneficiaries should only apply to come to the U.S. through Uniting for Ukraine with a trusted sponsor.

For more information, visit www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine





KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



In the United States, everyone has certain guaranteed rights, regardless of their immigration status!

Your Rights:

If you are stopped by Immigration (ICE) or Police, you have the right to:

- Remain Silent
- Not allow entry into your home
- Ask to speak to an attorney
- Do not sign anything you don't understand

You have rights at work and at home! You have the right to:

- Be paid for all the work you do in the U.S.
- Be free from violence

Your Responsibilities:

- Your immigration case follows you anywhere you go in the US. If you move, you **must** change your address with immigration. Use Form AR-11:
 - www.uscis.gov/ar-11
- Do not register to vote if you are not a US Citizen.
- Do not say or write anywhere that you are a US Citizen.

Prepare an Emergency Plan

- Memorize your **A Number**:
 - 9-digit number on USCIS or CBP documentation
- Memorize the phone number of a trusted family member or friend, and your attorney or DOJ representative
- Keep your family's documents in a safe place
 - Passports
 - National IDs
 - Medical documents
 - Financial documents

Important Resources:

For free immigration legal services in Illinois: visit ilacesstojustice.com

Consulate General of Ukraine in Chicago:

+1 3126 424 388 (General)
+1 3125 369 418 (Emergency)

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline:

+1 877-863-6338

Avoid Immigration Fraud

- Immigration is complicated, so getting a legal consultation is very important! But you need to protect yourself from fraud.
- In the United States, **ONLY** immigration attorneys and DOJ-accredited representatives can give immigration legal advice, file immigration applications on your behalf, or represent you in immigration court.
- Notaries are **NOT** attorneys and are not allowed to advise you on immigration, or any legal matters.
- Department of Justice (DOJ) recognized organizations are nonprofits. Verify that your representative is accredited at justice.gov/eoir/ra/raroster.htm.
- Before signing a retainer, ask your attorney if they have immigration experience and review their license.

