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Passing Your K-1 Visa Interview

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So you have filed a K-1 visa petition to bring your fiancé “home” for the holidays, and now he or she just has to clear the interview hurdle at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their country.

Now, what can your fiancé expect at that interview?

First, you should know that the U.S. representative overseas will be seeking to insure that the policies of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (the “USCIS”) are followed.

That means that they will ask probing questions designed to insure that you have a truly authentic intention of marrying without any ulterior or nefarious purpose involved.

The foreign consul will likely meet with the foreign fiancé face to face, asking numerous and thorough questions about the relationship and the intended life of the couple to be married.

Your foreign fiancé will also likely be asked about the paperwork filed on their behalf. He or she will need to make sure that all answers are consistent with the paperwork to avoid even the appearance of a deceptive intention. The fiancé should also be prepared to hear some questions more than once from an interviewer seeking to determine if answers are being conjured up on the fly.

If your fiancé is coming from a country that is often associated with mail order brides and marriage fraud, then you can expect the interviews to be even more scrutinizing.

Some officials will quickly deny a visa if there is any question at all in their mind about the true nature of the relationship, so it may be helpful to have photos and other documentation to prove the genuineness of your marriage intentions.

Even if your paperwork is in order, and you and your fiancé have provided proof of your genuine interest in marriage, then a visa could

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still be denied in the interviewing consul's discretion, so it is important to be polite and helpful in the face of what may seem like a barrage of questions.

If you are looking for legal assistance with a K-1 visa application, do not hesitate to call our office at (847)564-0712, and/or check out the pertinent section of [our Website](#) for more information.