

Overview

The United States government has established the Uniting for Ukraine program that allows Americans to sponsor Ukrainian refugees and have them temporarily stay in the United States under a program known as humanitarian parole.

Uniting for Ukraine will allow up to 100,000 Ukrainian refugees to stay in the United States for up to two years. Ukrainians cannot directly apply. Instead, a sponsor in the United States must apply on their behalf, and then Ukrainians may complete the humanitarian parole process after their sponsor is approved.

What is a Humanitarian Parole?

Humanitarian parole allows individuals in urgent need of refuge to enter the United States. Under Uniting for Ukraine, approved Ukrainian refugees (called beneficiaries) can stay in the U.S. legally for up to two years. Specific to Ukraine, a beneficiary can be individuals and families who were residents of Ukraine on February 11, 2022, and who are seeking safety from the war.

What does it mean to be a sponsor?

Sponsors can be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or other lawfully present individuals. Non-profits, educational institutions and employers can also help to sponsor people fleeing Ukraine. Sponsors must commit to provide financial support to approved beneficiaries. This includes room and board, food and other living expenses. Sponsorship can also include assisting beneficiaries in securing housing, finding health care, school enrollment and finding employment.

During the application process, sponsors must designate specific refugees to assist.

Sponsors must go through a government vetting process that includes passing background checks and verifying income and assets sufficient to support a Ukrainian beneficiary.

Can a Ukrainian already in the United States apply?

Ukrainians already in the United States cannot apply for humanitarian parole. They can, however, apply for [temporary protected status](#), which allows them to stay and work for up to 18 months, as long as they were in the United States since April 11 or earlier.

How can I sponsor a Ukrainian if I do not know Ukrainians who need to be sponsored?

The Uniting for Ukraine program is designed so that prospective sponsors pre-identify the potential beneficiaries when submitting application for sponsorship. Those interested in sponsorship who do not currently know a Ukrainian can request to be placed on Send Relief's Sponsor Interest List on the [Ukraine project webpage](#). If Send Relief becomes aware of sponsorship opportunities, those on the list will be notified.

What are the application procedures?

Sponsorship – Those interested in sponsoring should complete the following steps:

- Review the eligibility requirements on the [USCIS website](#).
- Review [instructions](#) for completing Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support.
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Authorization to Work

Adult Ukraine beneficiaries can be authorized to work in the United States and may seek employment once welcomed into their new community. Beneficiaries seeking work authorization should complete [form I-765](#).