

# Public Libraries in New York City Providing Assistance with Diversity Visa Lottery Applications

## • New York Public Library

Library staff at four locations of the New York Public Library will provide technical assistance to those who need help filling out the online application forms for the 2007 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV-2007) – commonly referred to as the Green Card Lottery.

The Department of State will only accept completed Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Forms submitted electronically at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during the registration period beginning on October 5, 2005 and ending at noon EST on December 4, 2005.

The application requires that applicants submit a digital photo (image) that meets State Department guidelines. Guidelines are available at:  
[http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types\\_1318.html#](http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html#)

Please note: Library staff will be able to take digital photos or applicants can bring in their digitized photo either on a floppy disk or on a CD-ROM.

Below are dates, times and locations:

### **Bronx**

#### **Fordham Library Center**

2556 Bainbridge Avenue [near Fordham Road]  
Bronx, New York 10458

(Saturdays)

Date: Oct. 22; Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Date: Oct. 29; Hours: 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dates: Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3; Hours: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Manhattan**

#### **Morningside Heights Branch Library**

2900 Broadway [at W. 113th St.]  
Manhattan, NY 10025-7822

(Saturdays)

Dates: Oct. 22, Nov. 5, 19

Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **Donnell Library Center**

20 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Manhattan, NY 10019-6185

(Saturdays)

Dates: Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3; Hours: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### **Staten Island**

#### **St. George Library Center**

5 Central Avenue  
St. George, Staten Island 10301

(Saturdays)

Date: Nov. 5 Hours: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Date: Nov. 12 Hours: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Date: Dec. 3 Hours: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

• **Queens Public Library**

Customers wishing to fill out the application at a Queens library branch should sign-up for a one hour PC, if available. The application (composed of three parts) may require more than 30 minutes to complete.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide a photo that meets visa program guidelines.

More information about Queens library services is available at <http://www.queenslibrary.org/programs/nap/diversity.asp>

**Central Library**

89-11 Merrick Blvd.

Jamaica, NY, 11432

(Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Dates: Oct. 25 and 27; Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, and 29; Dec. 1

Hours: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Flushing Library**

41-17 Main St, (at Kissena Blvd.)

Flushing, NY, 11355

(Mondays and Wednesdays)

Dates: Oct. 24, 26, and 31; Nov. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30

Hours: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

• **Brooklyn Public Library**

Free Access to Computers, Digital Cameras and assistance in completing the online Diversity Lottery application.

Brooklyn Public Library Learning Centers located at the:

**Central Library, Grand Army Plaza**

(718) 230-2191

**Bedford Neighborhood Library**

496 Franklin Avenue at Hancock

(718) 623-2134

**Eastern Parkway Neighborhood Library**

1044 Eastern Parkway at Schenectady Avenue

(718) 778-9330

**Coney Island Neighborhood Library**

1901 Mermaid Avenue at West 19<sup>th</sup> Street

(718) 265-3880

Hours: Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning Saturday, October 22 through Saturday, December 3, 2005

# **Non-Profit Organizations in New York City Providing Assistance with Diversity Visa Lottery Applications**

## **Arab American Family Support Center**

150 Court Street  
3rd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 643-8000

- Fees: No Charge
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Languages: Arabic and English

## **Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York Immigrant Services Program**

1011 First Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 419-3700

- Fees: \$50 consultation fee.
- If applicants are eligible to apply for the DV lottery, Catholic Charities will not charge any additional fees to prepare & submit the application online. If clients are not able pay the \$50 consultation fee, the fee may be reduced or waived. Catholic Charities fees are determined based on a sliding fee scale (based on the federal poverty guidelines), and no one is turned away for inability to pay. We have a digital camera as well as scanners for those who already have photos.
- Hours: Thursdays only, from 9-11 am. Please call in advance.
- To make an appointment, please call (212) 419-3700.
- In addition to the main office in Manhattan, Catholic Charities also have outreach sites in Staten Island, the Bronx, Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, and Dutchess counties where we can help individuals apply for the DV lottery. Individuals should call our main office for more information.
- Languages: Chinese, English, Hindi, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish Urdu

## **City University of New York (CUNY)**

### **Immigrants Center at City College**

138th Street & Convent Avenue  
North Academic Center, Room 1-206  
New York, NY 10031  
(212) 650-6620

### **Hostos Immigration Clinic**

120 Walton Avenue  
Savoy Building, Room 210D  
Bronx, NY 10452  
(718) 518-4395

### **Immigration Clinic at NYCCT**

Legal Studies Department  
300 Jay Street, Room N-622  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 260-5597

**Flushing Immigration Clinic**

39-07 Prince Street  
Second Floor, Room 2B  
Flushing, NY 11354  
(718) 640-9223

- Fees: No charge
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- CUNY Citizenship and Immigrant Project assists citizenship candidates with completing their application, including by providing free photographs.
- Each applicant will receive a citizenship packet that includes the USCIS application forms and the CUNY Citizenship and Immigrant Project “Read Me First” guide to naturalization.
- The CUNY Citizenship and Immigrant Project has expanded its services to include four immigration clinics at their campuses: CITY, Hostos, New City College of Technology, and the Flushing Center in conjunction with Queensborough Community college.
- Extended immigration services have also been provided through a Department of Youth and Community Development grant. Communities being served under the DYCD grants are: Bronx 4 and 5; Manhattan District 9, 11, and 12; Queens District 4 and 7.
- Languages: Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese

**Emerald Isle Immigration Center**

Queens Office  
59-26 Woodside Avenue  
Woodside, NY 11377  
(718) 478-5502

- Fees: Donation
- Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Languages: English and Spanish

Bronx Office  
280 East 236th Street  
Woodlawn, NY 10470  
(718) 324-3039

- Fees: Donation
- Hours: Tue – Wed, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Languages: English and Spanish

**Immigration Advocacy Services**

24-40 Steinway St.  
Astoria, NY 11103  
(718) 956-8218

- Fees: \$75
- Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Languages: Arabic, English, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Urdu

**Liberty Center for Immigrants**

125-09 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY  
(718) 847-3757

- Fees: \$20
- Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Languages: English

**Lutheran Family and Community Services**

Chinatown Office  
195 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013  
(212) 748-1754

Midtown Office  
308 W. 46th St.  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 399-0899

- Fees: \$50 consultation fee (will be waived if you are found not eligible for the Visa lottery)
- Hours: Please call the office at which you would like to schedule an appointment. No walk-in appointments.
- Languages: Chinatown Office: Fujianese, Mandarin; Midtown Office: Haitian Creole, French, Spanish

**New York Association for New Americans (NYANA) Legal Services**

17 Battery Place  
New York, New York 10004  
(212) 898-4180

- Fees: \$30
- Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Languages: Chinese, Creole, French, Russian and Spanish

**Polish and Slavic Center  
Immigration and Legal Services Program**

176 Java Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11222  
(718) 349-1143

- Fees: \$10 - \$15; no charge for single mothers, students, and seniors
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Languages: English and Polish

Special Populations:

**Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture**

462 First Avenue, CD 710  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 994-7166 (members only)

- Fees: No charge for patients/clients
- Hours: By appointment only
- Scanning available: please make sure to bring in correct size and specifications (see rules)

**Immigration Equality****(Formerly known as Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force)**

350 W. 31st St., Ste. 505

New York, NY 10001

(212) 714-2904

- Service for LGBT and/or HIV+ immigrants (although HIV+ applicants need qualifying relatives for the waiver)
- Fees: No charge (donations welcome)
- Hours: By appointment in our office
- Office will have a digital camera to take the pictures as well as Adobe Photoshop for sizing

*The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) makes no representations concerning the quality of the services of these organizations, nor can the fact that we provided this listing serve as an endorsement by MOIA of any of these providers. We are providing this list as a convenience only. This does not necessarily represent an exhaustive list of all organizations or providers in New York City that are providing services to help people apply for the 2007 Diversity Visa Program.*