



## Visa for tourism

Please note: only foreign residents and foreign students in the United States who have a valid permanent resident card or U.S. visa (e.g. categories F1 (I-20), H1B (I-797), G1, J1, I-512, etc.) may apply for a visa. If you have a B1 and/or B2 visa, you must apply in your country of residence.

**Note for children and spouses of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals:** points 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14 do not apply. Instead, please include the following documents: Notarized copy of valid Swiss or EU passport of spouse/partner/parent and proof of family relation (marriage/birth certificate or partnership contract).

### Requirements:

1. Printed Schengen visa application form, fully completed and signed by the applicant.  
Please fill in and **print** your online application as well as **book your appointment** (if [personal appearance](#) is required) on the website: [www.swiss-visa.ch](http://www.swiss-visa.ch).  
  
In case of minors (under 18 years of age), both parents will need to sign and enclose a copy of their passports. Custody agreements/orders will have to be submitted.
2. Two recent identical passport photos: please consult the requirements on the [webpage](#).  
US-standard size passport photos will also be accepted. Digital files and photocopies will **not** be accepted.
3. Original valid passport or travel document. Must be valid for at least three months beyond the planned stay, issued within the previous ten years and have at least 2 blank visa pages.
4. Copy of valid passport or travel document (photo, data and signature pages only)
5. Notarized copy of proof of residency in the USA, e.g. a valid permanent resident card (green card), H1B visa (plus I-797), F-1 visa (plus I-20), etc.
6. If applicable, copies of previous Schengen visas issued within the past 5 years
7. A copy of your flight reservation.
8. Hotel reservations for every night you intend to spend in a Schengen country. If you are staying with a friend or family member, please apply for a visitor visa.
9. If requested, a valid visa in your travel document for the country you are visiting after leaving the Schengen space.
10. A letter from your insurance company confirming international coverage of at least USD 40,000 including:
  - emergency medical expenses
  - emergency hospital treatment
  - repatriation for medical reasons
  - repatriation of mortal remains  
If you do not have insurance, or your insurance company cannot provide such a specific letter, you must purchase insurance for the entire duration of your trip and provide proof of purchase.
11. Proof of sufficient financial resources: bank statements from last 3 months, listing your full name and address. A minimum of \$100 per day is required to cover expenses (students: \$30).
12. A recent letter from your employer (including your position and salary) or school (confirming your enrollment). If you are self-employed, please include a copy of your business license and tax return.
13. Passports with issued visas will be mailed back.  
Please provide a prepaid, self-addressed return envelope **with a tracking number** of a secure carrier. **Applicants must indicate their name and address both as sender and recipient.** The Swiss representation does not assume any liability for the loss of documents submitted or returned by mail.
14. The visa fee is subject to change: please check the website for the [current fee](#).

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If necessary, you may be requested to bring additional documents.