



Visa for visit

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.

In case of minors (under 18 years of age), both parents will need to sign. Custody agreements/orders will have to be submitted.

2. Two recent identical passport photos (please consult the requirements on the [webpage](#)). 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 confirmed flight reservation.
8. Letter of invitation from the host in Switzerland, including your name (as listed in your passport, family name in capital letters), length of your stay, relation to your host (friend, family member, etc.), plus name, address and contact information of the person inviting you. This letter, along with a copy of the host's Swiss passport or Swiss residence permit, should be **directly sent to the competent Swiss representation (e-mail or fax)**.
9. If requested, a valid visa in your travel document for the country you are visiting after leaving the Schengen space.
10. 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).

If you are not in a position to prove sufficient financial resources, an official declaration of guarantee, signed by your host and certified by the immigration officials in Switzerland, may be required. When applying for the visa, you will be handed out the necessary form and given further detailed instructions.

11. 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.
12. A letter from your insurance company and a copy of your insurance card, confirming international coverage of at least USD 40,000 for each of the following items:
 - emergency medical expenses
 - emergency hospital treatment
 - repatriation for medical reasons and 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.

13. Passports with issued visas can be mailed back. If you wish to do so, 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.