

# 01 VISA



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## INTRODUCTION

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Our legal team was founded in 1979, and we have handled several lawsuits with the largest amount of monetary involvement in the United States. Our attorneys are the private lawyers representing a good number of upper class clients, celebrities and billionaires.

The gold-star attorneys in our team are from California, New York, etc., and our nearly 1,000 per diem lawyers cover the 50 states throughout the U.S.

NYIS Law Firm's leading attorney is Charles D. Maurer, Jr., who has received the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards in the past 36 years consecutively, and gained the best trial lawyer lifetime membership of The Million Dollar Advocates Forum.



## O-1A

O-1A: individuals with an extraordinary ability in the sciences, education, business, or athletics (not including the arts, motion pictures or television industry)

E.g. Research Postdoc, Sports Coach



## O-1B

O-1B: individuals with an extraordinary ability in the arts or extraordinary achievement in motion picture or television industry

E.g. Graphic Designer, Designer, Architect, Landscape Architect, Dancer, Photographer, Director, Model, Actor, Musician, Painter

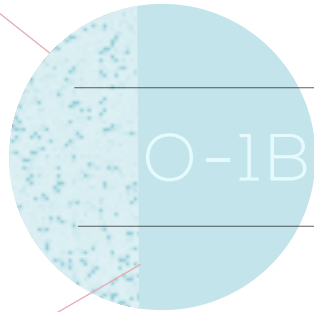


## O-3: O-1 Spouse

O-3: individuals who are the spouse or children of O-1's and O-2's

**A** You have received, or been nominated for, significant national or international awards or prizes in the particular field, such as an Academy Award, Emmy, Grammy or Director's Guild Award.

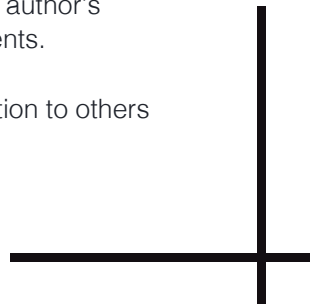
**OR**



## General Eligibility Criteria

**B** You meet at least (3) three of the following (6) six criteria:

- Performed and will perform services as a lead or starring participant in productions or events which have a distinguished reputation as evidenced by critical reviews, advertisements, publicity releases, publications, contracts or endorsements.
- Achieved national or international recognition for achievements, as shown by critical reviews or other published materials by or about the beneficiary in major newspapers, trade journals, magazines, or other publications.
- Performed and will perform in a lead, starring, or critical role for organizations and establishments that have a distinguished reputation as evidenced by articles in newspapers, trade journals, publications, or testimonials.
- A record of major commercial or critically acclaimed successes, as shown by such indicators as title, rating or standing in the field, box office receipts, motion picture or television ratings and other occupational achievements reported in trade journals, major newspapers or other publications.
- Received significant recognition for achievements from organizations, critics, government agencies or other recognized experts in the field in which the beneficiary is engaged, with the testimonials clearly indicating the author's authority, expertise and knowledge of the beneficiary's achievements.
- A high salary or other substantial remuneration for services in relation to others in the field, as shown by contracts or other reliable evidence.





## O-1 Document List

I-129 application form

Extraordinary Ability/Achievement Proof

○ Recommendation Letters from  
Experts/Experienced Professionals, etc.

○ Supporting Documents\*

● Work Products

● Awards

● Presentations and  
Exhibitions

● Press Releases/Critical  
Reviews

● Past Major Work  
Contracts

● Other Proof of Commercial  
Success

Employment Proof

○ Employment Agreement

● With Employment Details (Period of Employment, Title, Salary, etc.)

○ Itinerary

● E.g. Future U.S. Work Arrangement for the O-1 Visa Holder

\*Supporting Documents: Subject to change according to beneficiary's  
professional background.

- 1 Initial Introduction and Consultation
- 2 O-1 Application Evaluation by Our Specialists
- 3 Sign Retainer with NYIS Law Firm
  - \* **Petitioner**: Employer/Agency/Agent
  - \* **Beneficiary**: O-1 Visa Holder
- 4 Legal Fee Payment
- 5 Assign Lawyer and Paralegal and Establish O-1 Application Plan
- 6 Attorney and Paralegal Will Assist Client in Preparing Required Information, Materials, and Documents
- 7 Attorney Drafts Petition Letter
- 8 Employer Reviews Petition Letter and Gives Advice
- 9 Attorney Makes Final Revision of the Petition Letter
- 10 Employer signs application forms and petition letter and provides application fees checks
- 11 Paralegal reviews application package
- 12 Attorney reviews application package
- 13 Attorney mails application package to USCIS application processing center
  - \***USPS Next Day (Tracking Number Provided)**
- 14 USCIS Processing
- 15 Request for Additional Evidence: If USCIS sends a request for evidence to the attorney, the attorney and paralegal would then prepare additional supporting documents.
- 16 Result: USCIS will give results (processing time is approximately 3-5 months; premium processing service time is approximately 15 calendar days)
- 17 Approval: Employer and attorney receive beneficiary's O-1 approval notices

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## **Application Process**

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## O-1 Application Successful Examples

### Photographer

Applicant is a photographer and media artist with distinguished professional background and extraordinary achievements on photographing and short video filming. Applicant was an F1 student. After USCIS requested for additional evidence (RFE), we submitted supporting documents focusing on the significance and originality of the applicant's achievements. The application was approved after applicant requested premium processing service.

### Musician

Applicant studied in a world-renowned music school located in New York, and he was members of multiple orchestras. Before application, the applicant was a little worried and unconfident because he had relatively little solo performance experience. After careful evaluation, analysis, and planning, we prepared O-1 application according to this musician's unique background. The O-1 application was approved without RFE.

### Graphic Designer

Applicant studied media and communications for undergraduate and graduate degrees, majoring in advertising design. She has one international award and several other awards, and she held one exhibition of her work products in China. The applicant worked for an IT company as Graphic Designer during her F1 OPT period. After we submitted a thoroughly-prepared O-1 application, the application was approved in 10 days.

### Director

Applicant majored in filmmaking and directing and possessed over three years of directing and filmmaking field experience. The applicant has attended 6 small and mid-size movie festivals and earned a total of 3 awards. There are a few press releases and critical reviews about the director's products. The applicant gets an offer from a media and cultural production company, and his main job duties include directing all kinds of documentaries and promotional videos. The applicant chose to use premium processing service, and the O-1 application was approved in 7 days.



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