

Attention Parents!



Do you have a child living in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras? Do you know about the **Central American Minors Refugee/Parole Program?**

The United States has a new program to help bring parents and children together. The Central American Minors Refugee/Parole Program allows certain parents who are lawfully present in the U.S. to request that their children in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras come legally to the U.S. as refugees or parolees.

What are the requirements for a parent to qualify for this program?

If you would like to apply to bring your child (or children) living in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras to the U.S., you must be at least 18 years old. You must also have permission to be in the U.S. lawfully under one of the following categories:

- Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holder)
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Parolee
- Deferred Action (including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA))
- Deferred Enforced Departure
- Withholding of Removal

Note: You do not need to be a citizen of El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras, but your child does.

What are the requirements for my child to qualify?

Your child must be under 21, unmarried, a citizen of El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras, and currently living in one of those 3 countries. Also, the U.S. government must determine that your child has a fear of persecution in that country because of his or her race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. The child can be your biological child, step-child (if you married the child's biological parent before the child turned 18), or legally adopted child (if the adoption occurred before the child turned 16 and the child lived with you for at least 2 years).

Can my legal spouse in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras accompany my child to the U.S.?

While this program is primarily for refugee children, if your legal husband or wife also lives in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras in the same household with your child, he or she may also qualify to come to the U.S. The U.S. government will need to interview your spouse to decide whether he or she also has a fear of persecution.

Do I have to pay to apply for my child to come to the U.S. through this program?

No, you do not have to pay any fees to the Department of State or the refugee resettlement agency when you file an application.

Where can I learn about this program and apply for my child?

Only a refugee resettlement agency approved by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) can help you file an application for your child. Do not seek help from a notario, lawyer, or immigration consultant who claims they can help you apply. A staff member of the resettlement agency will meet with you to determine whether you qualify to apply for your child and, if so, will submit your application (Form DS-7699) online.

The closest refugee resettlement agency is: