

United States business VISA application process



In order for Chinese nationals to enter United States in context with SID Display week conference B1 VISA and EVUS (Electronic Visa Update System) enrollment will be required. This document intends to explain B1 VISA application and EVUS enrollment process and requirements. B1 VISA usually is valid for 10 years.

Step 1: Obtain VISA invitation letter from Display Week website, under Attendee menu, there is VISA Invitation button:
<http://www.sid.org/Members/VisaInvitationLetter.aspx>

Step 2: Make sure you have correct photo required for VISA.

Step 3: Complete DS-160 online form: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Step 4: Pay 160 USD equivalent in RMB VISA application fee. Fee can be paid online or at your local China CITIC bank. This website explains payment process: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/cn-niv-paymentinfo.asp>

Step 5: Schedule your VISA interview at US Embassy or any of the US Consulates. In order to successfully schedule an interview, you will need to have following three items:

- Your passport number.
- The receipt number from your Visa Fee receipt.
- The ten (10) digit barcode number from your DS-160 confirmation page.

Step 6: Visit the U.S. Embassy or Consulate General on the date and time of your visa interview. You must bring a printed copy of your appointment letter, your DS-160 confirmation page, one photograph taken within the last six months and your current and all old passports. Applications without all of these items will not be accepted.

Note: The more complete is your application the better and easier for US consulate to make decision therefore preparing supporting documents like listed below is preferable:

- Current proof of income, tax payments, property or business ownership, or assets.
- Your travel itinerary and/or other explanation about your planned trip.
- A letter from your employer detailing your position, salary, how long you have been employed, any authorized vacation, and the business purpose, if any, of your U.S. trip.
- Criminal/court records pertaining to any arrest or conviction anywhere, even if you completed your sentence or were later pardoned.

Receiving your passport back: Once your VISA is granted consulate can deliver it to you. Delivery methods are explained here: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/cn-niv-passporttrack.asp>

Useful informative US VISA process websites

General overview of B1 VISA application process: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/cn-niv-typeb1b2.asp>

VISA photo requirements: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/cn-niv-photoinfo.asp>

Locations of US Embassy and Consulates in China: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/cn-loc-post.asp>

Official US government EVUS enrollment system: <https://www.evus.gov>