

## VISA FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU), EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA (EEA) AND SWITZERLAND.

The Consulate General of Spain in Miami has jurisdiction over the following states: Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

The visa application will be submitted personally in official form, from Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 1:30 pm (NO APPOINTMENTS). In the case of minors, the application must be submitted personally by their parents or guardians duly accredited, accompanying the minor.

B1 / B2 visa holders must apply for the Schengen visa in the country of legal residence

Honorary Consulates of Spain are not authorized to process visa applications.

It is independent that the purpose of the trip to Spain is a short stay or to reside, but it is a requirement that they travel with the citizen of the European Union, European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) or Switzerland or to meet with him in Spain.

If they are nationals of countries subject to the visa requirement for the border crossing, the interested parties must process the corresponding stay visa. In this link you can consult the updated list of countries whose nationals are required to have a visa and the list of countries whose nationals are not required to have a visa in the Member States subject to Regulation (EC) No 1806/2018. If you are not nationals of those countries, you do not need a visa even if the purpose of the trip is to reside in Spain.

The visa is preferential and free

### FAMILY MEMBERS OF A EU/EEA/SWITZERLAND

**a) Spouse**

**b) Couple registered in a public register established in an EU Member State or in a state party to the EEA or Switzerland**

**c) Common-law partner** with whom you maintain a stable relationship duly proven.

**d) Direct descendants** and those of their spouse or registered partner, under 21 years of age or over that age or incapacitated living in charge of the EU citizen.

**e) Direct ascendants or those of their spouse or registered partner living in their care.**

**f) Other family members**, other than the previous ones, who certify any of the following circumstances:

- Who is living under him/her care in the United States.
- Who for serious reasons of health or disability, it is strictly necessary for the EU citizen to take care of the family member's personal care.

**WHAT TO SUBMIT**  
**(Original and copy of all the documents requested)**

1. **Two Schengen visa applications form** completed in full and signed.
2. **Two recent photographs** (US passport size) in color, centered, with a uniform and clear background, preferably white. Photographs with a dark background or with objects or people behind the head are not accepted.
3. **Passport or travel document** recognized and in force.
4. **Immigration status in the United States** (not applicable to US citizens): residence card, valid US student visa or US work permit (stamp on the passport) or "parole".
5. **Driver's license and / or Identity Card** with the current address of the State of Florida, Georgia or South Carolina.
6. Documentation stating the will of the citizen of the European Union that the visa applicant accompanies or meets him
7. **National Identity Document and / or passport of the EU citizen**
8. Documentation proving that the citizen of the European Union that generates the right resides in Spain (certificate of registration) or travels to Spain.
9. Documentation stating family ties and, where appropriate, age and economic dependence..
  - a) **SPOUSE:**
    - Spanish citizen: **Family book or recent literal marriage certificate** of the Civil Registry
    - From other EU citizens other than Spanish: **Recent marriage certificate.**
  - b) **COMMON-LAW PARTNER REGISTERED IN A PUBLIC REGISTRY**
    - Certificate of registration** of the common-law partner in a Public Registry of an EU / EEA State or Switzerland.
  - c) **COMMON-LAW PARTNER NOT REGISTERED:**
    - Proof of the existence of a stable relationship** with the citizen of the European Union and the time of coexistence (a marital coexistence of at least one year continued, also assessing the existence of common descent in which case the accreditation of stable coexistence will suffice properly tested)

#### d) DESCENDANTS

- Of a Spanish citizen or the spouse or partner of the Spanish citizen: **Family book or birth certificate** of the child.

- Of other EU citizens: **birth certificate of the child** of a community national or of the spouse or partner of the community national.

In the case of **minor children of divorced parents**, they must also submit **the final divorce decree and Judge's sentence containing the custody** provisions of the minor granting custody to the parent who is processing the visa application, legalized or apostilled and officially translated into Spanish if it is written in a language other than Spanish or English.

If they are descendants older than 21 years or incapable: **Accreditation of coexistence and economic dependence**

#### e) ASCENDANTS

- Of Spanish citizen: **Literal birth certificate** of the Civil Registry

- Of other EU citizens: **Birth certificate of the Civil Registry** of the community national or of the spouse or partner of the community national.

#### **Accreditation of coexistence and economic dependence**

#### f) OTHER FAMILIES other than the above

Documents proving **the economic dependence, the degree of kinship** and, where appropriate, the existence of **serious reasons for health or disability or coexistence** (a continued 24-month coexistence in the country of origin)

The economic dependence is evaluated each case, taking into account, if due to the financial and social situation, the applicant needs material help to cover their basic needs. It will be assessed, not only that the applicant receives financial support from their EU relative but that they do not have other sources of income that will allow them to cover their basic needs in the United States.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

If the certificates are from a foreign Civil Registry, they must be legalized with the Apostille of the Hague or in those countries that are not part of the Hague Agreement, they must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then by the Spanish Consulate in that country. In both cases, officially translated into Spanish if it is written in a language other than Spanish or English.

Legalization is not necessary if it is a certificate issued by a Civil Registry of a member country of the European Union, European Economic Area or Switzerland.

In the event of granting the visa, the foreigner must pick it up personally within one month of notification. If the collection is not made within the aforementioned period, it will be understood that the interested party has waived the visa granted and the procedure will be filed.

**Translations:** (AMERICAN TRANSLATORS ASSOCIATION <https://www.atanet.org/>).

**Apostille of the Hague legalization:**

**INFO DEPARTMENT OF STATE** APOSTILLE

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/travel-legal-considerations/international-judicial-assistance/authentications-and-apostilles/apostille-requirements.html>

**INFO FLORIDA** APOSTILLE

<http://notaries.dos.state.fl.us/notproc7.html>

**INFO GEORGIA** APOSTILLE

[https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/great\\_seal](https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/great_seal)

**INFO SOUTH CAROLINA** APOSTILLA

<https://sos.sc.gov/services-and-filings/apostilles>