



## PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS

You must appear **in person**. Applicants must have permanent residency status in the US.

The request for a visa must be made at the Consulate of Spain which has jurisdiction over the state where the applicant resides. This Consulate General has jurisdiction over the following states: **New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware.**

The visa will be affixed to your passport, before the departure. It is not possible to request the visa in Spain or do the process through the mail.

To book your **appointment**, please [click here](#). It is not relevant if you select "business" or "tourism" for the purpose of the appointment. The Visa Department will assist you according to the long stay visa you are going to apply for. If you can not find availability at your convenience, please revisit the online appointment system frequently since cancellations are usual.

## WHAT IS A RESIDENCE VISA TO REUNITE A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A CITIZEN OF SPAIN OR AN EU MEMBER?

It must be obtained by all nationals that are not EU citizens or they are from [countries that require visas](#) to travel to Schengen countries to reunite for residence in Spain with a Spaniard or an EU citizen -including Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland- with whom they have the following family ties:

1. Spouse. If you are not legally separated.
2. Their children or their spouse's, who are not married and are under 21 years of age or incapacitated and are not married.
3. Minors (under 21 years old) or incapacitated that are under the resident's legal custody.
4. Parents, or from the spouse's, if they are dependents and there are proven reasons for them to justify their need for residency in Spain

American citizens and those of nationalities that do not require visa do not require a residence visa and must apply for their residence card once they arrive in Spain.

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants **must submit originals and 1 copy of the below mentioned documents**. If your documents are accepted to process the visa they will not be returned.

1. One [National Visa Application form](#) duly filled out and signed.
2. **Passport** valid for a minimum of four months with at least two blank pages to affix the visa.
3. Two passport size **photographs** in color, 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) in size, printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper, taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance and in front of a plain white or off-white background.
4. **Non-US citizens:** Alien Residence Card (Green-Card) or residence visa valid in USA (except B1, B2).



5. **Documents** proving the **family ties**: *Libro de Familia* from Spain or Birth certificate or Marriage certificate bearing the "Apostille of the Hague Convention". If the country issuing such document is not part of the "Hague Convention" such documents must be duly legalized.
6. For descendants or ascendants **older than 21 years of age**: documents that prove that the citizen of the EU residing in Spain is their **financial supporter**.
7. **Copy of the passport** from the **Spanish citizen or EU member** residing in Spain.
8. Certificate of residence (***Certificado de Empadronamiento***) from the **person residing in Spain**.
9. **Money Order** from a USPS post office to pay the **non-refundable**. Consult our [Consular fees](#).
10. The visa applicant should submit a **notarized invitation letter from the citizen of the European Union**.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If the visa is approved, the applicant has one month (from the approval notice day) to appear in person and collect the visa. Failure to pick up the visa within one month will be considered as a refusal of the visa and the application will be filed.

Once the visa is collected, you must enter Spain within the period the visa is valid for and your entry date must be stamped on your passport or travel document. After that -and **within one month of your arrival in Spain- you must request in person your residency card** from the Police Department in Spain (*Oficina de Extranjería*). The holder of this type of visa will have the same working privileges as any citizen of Spain or EU member.

This visa will be valid for all Schengen countries.

•ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY•