BEFORE YOU START

What to gather

1. Your CV or résumé
2. Awards and rankings, with dates
3. Press and media coverage about you
4. Contracts, offers or an itinerary of events
5. Judging, reviewing or coaching roles
6. Names of experts who know your work
7. Passport and every past U.S. visa and I-94

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EXTRAORDINARY TALENT VISAS

Temporary visas

O-1A: extraordinary ability

For people with sustained national or international acclaim in sciences, business, education or athletics. You need a major award or evidence meeting at least 3 of 8 criteria, a U.S. employer or agent, and an advisory opinion. Approved for up to 3 years, then extended in 1-year steps.

P-1: recognized athletes and teams

For athletes and teams with international recognition coming to compete. Individual athletes can be approved for up to 5 years, with one extension of up to 5 more.

EXTRAORDINARY TALENT VISAS

Green cards

EB-1A: extraordinary ability

A green card you can file for yourself, with no employer or job offer. You need a one-time major achievement or evidence meeting at least 3 of 10 criteria, plus proof you are among the small percentage at the very top of your field.

EB-2 National Interest Waiver

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