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SHORT STAY VISA 1 - 90 DAYS

The French Consulate will only accept applications from residents of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Bermuda.

Please be advised that visa applications by mail are not accepted.

The Consular Administration has full authority **to evaluate and request more documents** than those submitted by the applicant. Obtaining a visa is not always guaranteed and does not in itself grant you the right to enter a French or Schengen territory. It is therefore necessary that you always carry with you the original documents used to obtain the visa.

If you intend to visit several Schengen countries, you must apply at the consulate of the country that is your **main destination** meaning the country where you will be staying the most number of nights.

If you intend to visit several Schengen countries but do not have a main destination or will be staying the same amount of time in each of them, you must apply at the Consulate of the country you will enter first.

If you do not need a visa for the Schengen country that is your main destination, please note that a visa may be required for other Schengen countries.

If the applicant is under 18 years old, he/she must apply with at least one of his/her parents. Please present both **nothorized** parental authorization forms -allowing the applicant to travel to France and other Schengen countries- plus a copy of the child's birth certificate and a copy of both parents passports.

You may not apply more than 90 days prior to your departure.



THE VISA SECTION DOES NOT MAKE ANY PHOTOCOPIES.

Therefore, you must bring your original documents with their copies

REQUIREMENTS Please submit the following documents in **original and 1 copy per applicant**

ATTENTION: please read this important announcement before preparing your file:

From April 5th 2010, the implementation of the new Schengen code for the issue of visas is in effect.

On this occasion, we would like to remind all visa applicants that **each file must be presented in exact duplicate** (original of each document with their photocopies, as listed on the website).

The Consulate will, in no circumstance, make any photocopies and files can no longer be completed at a later stage.

All the files presented will be carefully examined by the Visa Department. However, we wish to emphasize the fact that **if you do not produce** all the requested documents (**originals with their photocopies**), **the visa will be denied.**

Therefore, **reapplying** will **mean** the **rescheduling** of an **appointment** and full **repayment** of the visa fee.

No exception will be made.

For this reason, we do advise you **to prepare your file with the utmost care** in order to avoid any delays.

1 APPLICATION FORM

and **1 COLOR PHOTO** [click here](#)

The form must be **completely and legibly filled in** with black or blue ink, signed by the applicant and dated.

The color photo must be recent, passport size - 2" x 2" (4,5cm x 4,5cm) and showing the full face, the

forehead hairline and ears on a white background.

PASSEPORT or travel document (**+ 1 copy of the identity page and the validity of the passport**) valid for at least three months following the last day of your stay in France.

The validity of your passport **cannot exceed 10 years from the date of first issuance**. Make sure the passport has at least two blank pages left for visa purpose. Only these pages can be endorsed with the visa. Amendment pages can in no way be used for visas.

If the name on the passport is different than the name on the green card, please provide a copy of your marriage certificate or other document explaining the discrepancy.

For non-US citizens

a U.S.A. residency card (Green Card) valid for at least three months following the last day of your stay in France. *If the name on the passport is different than the name on the Green Card, please provide a copy of your marriage certificate or other document that explains that discrepancy.* (**+ 1 copy**)

or

I-551 stamp, (**+1 copy**)

or

a USA visa valid for at least three months following the last day of your stay in France, with I-94 (if J1 provide also J1 form), (if F1 visa provide also a valid I-20 form signed by your school), (**+1 copy**)

or

an Advanced Parole, which must be valid for at least 90 days beyond the last day in France. (**+1copy**)

FLIGHT RESERVATION (+ 1 copy)

complete **personal** itinerary or round trip ticket with confirmed dates. Open tickets are not accepted. **JUST BOOK your trip but DO NOT PURCHASE your tickets until the visa has been approved.**

PROOF OF ACCOMODATION (for the whole length of your stay) (+1 copy)

confirmed and **personal** reservation by fax from the hotel(s) in France and in the Schengen countries to be visited and which must be sent directly to you and not to the Consulate, confirming your reservations for each

night you will spend in France and the Schengen States (we do not accept emails nor online internet reservation confirmations),

or

personal hotel vouchers confirming your booking for a tour with names and addresses of all hotels with the number of nights stay in each **(+ 1 copy)**,

or

- if you are staying with family or friend(s) you must present a certificate of board and lodging "Attestation d'Accueil", which has to be obtained by your relatives or friends at the city hall ("Mairie") **+ copy**. The original needs to be stamped by this consulate to be valid and should be presented upon arrival in France.

FINANCIAL GARANTEES (+ 1 copy),

Proof that you have at least 100 U.S.Dollars per day for each day you will stay in the Schengen countries. To be submitted in the four following forms:

your last 3 monthly bank statements in US currency and not a summary **(+ 1 copy)**, Internet printed copies are not accepted

and

your last 3 paystubs **(+ 1 copy)**,

and

an **up-to-date** letter from your employer in the U.S.A mentioning your annual salary, stating that your requested time of absence has been approved and confirming your continued employment on your return **(+ 1 copy)**

if your financial means are not sufficient, you may also provide a notarized letter from your sponsor stating he/she will be responsible for all your expenses and a proof of his/her financial means **(+ 1 copy)**.

If you are a business owner:

your business permit, license or registration

or

your last tax returns (first 5 pages)

and

your last 3 monthly bank statements in US currency and not a summary **(+ 1 copy)**, Internet printed copies are not accepted

MEDICAL INSURANCE

A **letter** from an insurance company **(+ 1 copy)** stating that you will be covered for any **medical**,

hospitalization and **repatriation** expenses (the three words must be written) for at least \$45,000 during your stay in the Schengen countries. If your current insurance company does not provide such a coverage, please find an international insurance company (**and ask for the letter** mentioned above with the three words).

If you are traveling for **business in France**, the following documents, **plus 1 copy**, are also required:

An official business invitation letter from a company in France and a letter from your employer in the U.S.A stating:

that you are going to France on their behalf and for what purpose
the name, address and contact number of the company to be visited
that your employer takes full responsibility for all your expenses while in France and guarantees your return to the U.S.A

If you are attending a conference in France, please provide the name, location, and a contact person for that conference with registration or invitation.

[Application Form \(English\)](#)

[Application Form \(French\)](#)

[Financial guarantee \(French\)](#)

[Processing Times](#)

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