



An Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) is a form used for reunification of refugees and asylees with close relatives living outside of the U.S. In documenting family relationships, the AOR gives eligible applicants access to the US Refugee Program. When the AOR is filed and processed, the refugee overseas may be scheduled for an interview to determine if they are eligible for resettlement.

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Affidavit of Relationship



Reuniting families across the globe





DNA Test

If you are filing for someone who is biologically related to you, you may be required to take a DNA test. You will have to pay for this test kit and for the shipping of the test kit overseas. The test can be performed at any AABB lab. Ask your resettlement agency for a list of labs or for assistance.

Policy for Reimbursement

All of your relationships must be positive in order for you to be reimbursed. The International Organization of Migration will reimburse you once it has confirmed that all tests are positive. You will be reimbursed regardless of your case's outcome. Positive results do not guarantee resettlement.

Who Can File?

Any individual 18 years or older who arrived to the U.S. as a refugee or was granted asylum within at least 5 years from the countries below:

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| Afghanistan | Guatemala |
| Bhutan | Haiti |
| Burma | Honduras |
| Burundi | Iran |
| Central African Republic | Iraq |
| Colombia | Mali |
| Cuba | Somalia |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | South Sudan |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | Sri Lanka |
| El Salvador | Sudan |
| Eritrea | Syria |
| Ethiopia | Uzbekistan |
| | Ouzbékistan |

Frequently Asked Questions

For whom can I file?

Eligible individuals can apply for spouses if the marriage occurred before arrival in the U.S., for unmarried children under 21 years old, and for parents and their dependent(s), unmarried children under 21 years old. The family members must be outside of their country of origin and must provide proof of refugee registration documents from the host country. **Note:** Syria, Turkey, Iran and Canada are not currently processing AORs.

How can I file?

An AOR must be filed through a resettlement agency. There is no cost to file.

What information will I need?

Information may include:

- Accurate and complete names of relatives
- Family Relationships
- Dates of birth and marriage
- Correct overseas address with postal zone
- Proof of your immigration status
- Birth and marriage certificates; other official documents
- Passport-style photograph for each family member

Will I be reimbursed for transportation to the lab?

No, transportation costs will not be reimbursed. Your resettlement agency can help you locate the closest lab to your location.

How long are DNA results valid?

Indefinitely.

What if my test is negative?

You should consult your resettlement agency



Where will my family go to get tested?

The RSC overseas will inform you of the date and location of the DNA testing.

What if I can't afford DNA kits for my entire family?

Can I send the kits separately?

Once you receive a letter that lists the family members that must be tested, all DNA kits must be purchased at the same time and each applicant must be ready to test at the same time. Please speak to your resettlement agency with any concerns.

Where will my results be sent? And who will see them?

Results will be sent directly to you and to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC). Representatives from USCIS, the State Department (PRM) and the RSC will be able to see your results.



To schedule an appointment to file the AOR, please call 207-523-1160.

If you need an interpreter, please let us know when you schedule your appointment, and one will be provided for you at no cost.