



The Gold Card

Administration Policy:

On September 19, 2025, President Trump issued an executive order titled [the Gold Card](#), which establishes a new expedited pathway to a visa for immigrants who have “demonstrated their ability and desire to advance the interest of the United States by voluntarily providing a significant financial gift to the Nation.”

This EO requires the Secretary of Commerce, in Coordination with the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, to create the “Gold Card,” a new visa program for individuals who make an “unrestricted gift” of \$1 million, or \$2 million if a corporation or similar entity is donating on behalf of the visa recipient.

The Secretary of Commerce is required to deposit these contributions into a separate fund at the Department of Treasury to be used to “promote commerce and American industry.”

Within 90 days, the Secretaries of Commerce, State, and Homeland Security must take all steps to implement the Gold Card program including establishing an application and expedited adjudication process, determining administrative fees to cover the cost of expedited consideration, and creating a process for Gold Cards sponsored by a corporation to be transferred to another recipient by the sponsor.

Background:

- On December 11, 2025, the Trump administration [launched](#) the Gold Card Program.
- Successful applicants receive an EB-1 or EB-2 visa, along with lawful permanent residence (LPR) status.
- EB-1 visas are employment based and designed for “priority workers” with extraordinary ability.
- EB-2 visas are employment based and generally designed for individuals with advanced degrees.
- A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).
- The Gold Card website can be found [here](#).