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Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF)

Virtual Summit

RESOURCE GUIDE

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We thank everyone who attended our LRIF Virtual Summit on Saturday, November 27, 2021.
LRIF is the first legalization bill to pass Congress in decades, after many years of advocacy directly from

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the Liberian community and from other immigrant advocacy partners. LRIF is one of the only pieces of legislation to directly affect Black immigrants. Eligible Liberians have just ONE MONTH left to apply for LRIF before the program expires on December 20, 2021. As recommended, ULAA has compiled a resource guide to assist those who have not yet applied and join the advocacy to ask congress for additional extension.

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Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness

OVERVIEW



What is it?



The Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF) provides an opportunity for certain Liberian nationals and their spouses, unmarried children under 21 years old, and unmarried sons and daughters 21 years old or older living in the United States who meet the eligibility requirements to obtain lawful permanent resident status (receive Green Cards).

Are you a Liberian national who:



Has been physically present in the United States since **Nov. 20, 2014**?

Has not been absent from the United States for more than 180 days total since **Nov. 20, 2014**?

Is otherwise admissible?

If you can answer yes to these three questions, you may be eligible for this program.

How to file:

Your application must be received by **Dec. 20, 2021**.



You must file **Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status**.

You may request employment authorization with your adjustment application by filing **Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization**.

How much does it cost?



The fee for Form I-485 can be found on the I-485 page, or by using the **Fee Calculator**.

The fee for a Form I-765 is included with the fee for Form I-485.

You may qualify for a fee waiver.

What family members can apply?

Spouse



children (unmarried and under 21 years of age)

unmarried sons and/or daughters (21 or older)

Family members must show:

Their relationship to you (the principal applicant);



That they are admissible to the United States; and

All arrivals and departures from the United States.

Family members do not need to show:



Liberian nationality.

Continuous physical presence in the United States since **Nov. 20, 2014**.

What will you need to apply?

Evidence of your Liberian nationality.

Evidence that you have maintained continuous physical presence in the United States since **Nov. 20, 2014**. This means you have not been absent from the United States for one or more periods totaling more than 180 days.



Evidence showing your residence(s) during the time you have lived in the United States.

This list is not comprehensive.

For additional information about the documentation and evidence required for LRIF, please see **Volume 7 Part P of the USCIS Policy Manual** and the **Special Instructions for Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Applications (Form I-485LRIF)**.



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FEE ASSISTANCE

I-912, Request for Fee Waiver

- Use this form to request a fee waiver (or submit a written request) for certain immigration forms and services based on a demonstrated inability to pay. For the list of forms and services that are eligible for a fee waiver, see the list below, go to our [Fee Waiver Page](#), or read [8 CFR 103.7\(c\)\(3\)](#).

LRIF Support for UndocuBlack Network Members (\$750 towards application fee)

- [Complete Form Here](#)
- Email Contact: info@undocublack.org

ORGANIZATIONS

Higher Grounds International

- 250 Prairie Ave.
Providence, RI
401-270-3582
Contact Names: Henrietta White-Holder or Shemika Moore

African Communities Together (ACT)

- **NEW YORK OFFICE:** 127 West 127th Street, Suite 221, New York, NY 10027 | (347) 746-2281
- **VIRGINIA OFFICE:** 1225 S. Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202 | (240) 621-0194
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REQUESTING EXTENSION

Congressional Targets:

- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)
- Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)
- Representative Anthony Brown (D-MD)
- Representative David Cicilline (D-RI)
- Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
- Representative Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
- Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
- Representative Ilhan Omar (D-MN)
- Representative Donald Payne, Jr. (D-NJ)
- Representative Dean Phillips (D-MN)
- Representative Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA)

What to Say when You Call

On Dec. 20, an important and lifesaving program that provides green cards and a path to citizenship to many Liberian Americans will expire. We are calling on Congress to eliminate the deadline for the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act NOW so that Liberians have more time to apply and so that USCIS has more time to process applications fairly and consistently. Please use our automated tool to

call our list of LRIF champions in Congress and ask them to keep up the pressure to eliminate the deadline. When you click the button below, your cell phone will automatically be connected to a key member of Congress where you can leave a message about LRIF. You can then choose to make another call and leave another message!

Below are the direct phone numbers to the DC offices of the target Members of Congress:

- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) - 202-224-4642
- Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) - 202-224-5461
- Representative Anthony Brown (D-MD) - 202-225-8699
- Representative David Cicilline (D-RI) - 202-225-4911
- Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD) - 202-225-4131
- Representative Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) - 202-224-3244
- Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) - 202-225-3072
- Representative Ilhan Omar (D-MN) - 202-225-4755
- Representative Donald Payne, Jr. (D-NJ) - 202-225-3436
- Representative Dean Phillips (D-MN) - 202-225-2871
- Representative Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA) - 202-225-2011

References:

- <https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-eligibility/liberian-refugee-immigration-fairness>
- <https://undocublack.org/>
- <https://africans.us/>
- Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA)

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