

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing would like to emphasize again that the Beijing Service Center for U.S. Visa Consultation located on Lady Street near the Visa Section of the Embassy is opened by Beijing's Chaoyang District Government and is NOT affiliated with the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. The Embassy has no relationship with the Service Center, and does not endorse the services of any visa consultation business.

The only valid fees associated with applying for a U.S. non-immigrant visa in China are:

1. \$131 non-refundable visa application fee, which is paid at CITIC Bank.
2. The cost of calling our Visa Information Call Center, which provides basic information on how to apply, including scheduling applicants' appointments. The Call Center charges 54 RMB for 12 minutes of phone time or 36 RMB for 8 minutes from pre-paid cards, which may be obtained from CITIC Bank or at this web site: <https://www.usavisainformation.com.cn/eng/index.aspx>.
3. Applicants have options of either picking up their passport with issued visa at China Post Office, or having their passport and visa mailed to their home address through China Post's Express Mail Service. China Post charges fees from 20-60 RMB for these pick up and delivery services. This fee is paid to China Post.
4. For applicants who choose to use our convenient drop-box visa renewal service, a service fee of 200-220 RMB paid to CITIC Bank directly.

All necessary information and forms to apply for a visa are available for free on our web site, [http://beijing.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv\\_howtoapply.html](http://beijing.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv_howtoapply.html). Applicants are encouraged to read our web site carefully and call the Visa Information Call Center or send us a fax inquiry if there is information they do not understand. If they need an expedited appointment, they can request one for free by sending us a fax at 8531-3333. We also encourage applicants to participate in our monthly web chats.

We know there are businesses who would like to profit from applicants' eagerness to travel to the United States and anxiety about the visa process. We encourage applicants to consider very carefully before employing any such services. Applicants should bear in mind that authoritative sources of information about the non-immigrant visa process are the US Embassy and Consulates' web sites, U.S. State Department's web sites [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), and the Visa information Call Center.

The United States welcomes all Chinese nationals that have received a visa to visit our country. We will commit ourselves to facilitating legitimate international travel to the United States.