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Indiana Benefits Infographic – U Visa,

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U Visa Children[1]

- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**

Zero Months: At Filing[2]:

19 Months (1.6 Years) after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination *(Lawfully Present)*
Deferred Action[3], Work Authorization **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, CHIP (up to age 21)[4], While pregnant Full-scope Healthcare + 12 months Postpartum care.**

8.5 Years after Filing:
-Approval[5]

11.5 Years after Filing for U Visa: 3 Years after Approval: Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

13.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 23.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)
(Qualified Immigrant)
-Public and Assisted Housing, LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, SNAP (up to age 18), In-State Tuition and Financial Aid

18.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence: Can Apply for Naturalization
Medicaid 21+[6], SSI.

19.4 Years after Filing for U Visa; 11.5 Months after Applying for Naturalization[7]: Naturalization Approved
29.8 years **TANF with pre 8/22/96 entry and 10 years work credit unless naturalize.**

*State funded available prior to meeting federal: 5-year bar, 40 quarters, and lawful permanent residence requirements.

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[1] Child is up to age 21 under immigration law. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.
[2] Obtaining a certification from a government official is a required prerequisite to filing for a U Visa
[3] Formal protection from removal/deportation
[4] Available through September 30, 2026. After 10/1/26 requires lawful permanent residency.
[5] As of October 2025, they began issuing U visa approvals for cases filed in early 2017.
[6] Eligible f for federal Medicaid having become a qualified immigrant by attaining lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.
[7] Wait time is 11.5 months at the Indianapolis Field Office.

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U Visa Adults

Zero Months: At Filing[8]:

19 Months (1.6 Years) after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Lawfully Present)*
Deferred Action[9], Work Authorization **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, While pregnant Full-scope Healthcare + 12 months Postpartum care.**

8.5 Years after Filing:
-Approval[10]

11.5 Years after Filing for U Visa: 3 Years after Approval:
Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

13.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 23.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)
(Qualified Immigrant)
-Public and Assisted Housing, LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, SNAP 18+[11], In-State Tuition and Financial Aid

18.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Medicaid 21+[12], SSI, TANF
Can Apply for Naturalization

19.4 Years after Filing for U Visa; 11.5 Months after Applying for Naturalization[13]: Naturalization Approved
29.8 years **TANF with pre 8/22/96 entry and 10 years work credit unless naturalize.**

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[9] Formal protection from removal/deportation.
[10] As of October 2025, they began issuing U visa approvals for cases filed in early 2017.
[11] Must be disabled, have met the 5-year bar, be elderly and entered the US before 8/22/96, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.
[12] Eligible for federal Medicaid having become a qualified immigrant by attaining lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.
[13] Wait time is 11.5 months at the Indianapolis Field Office.