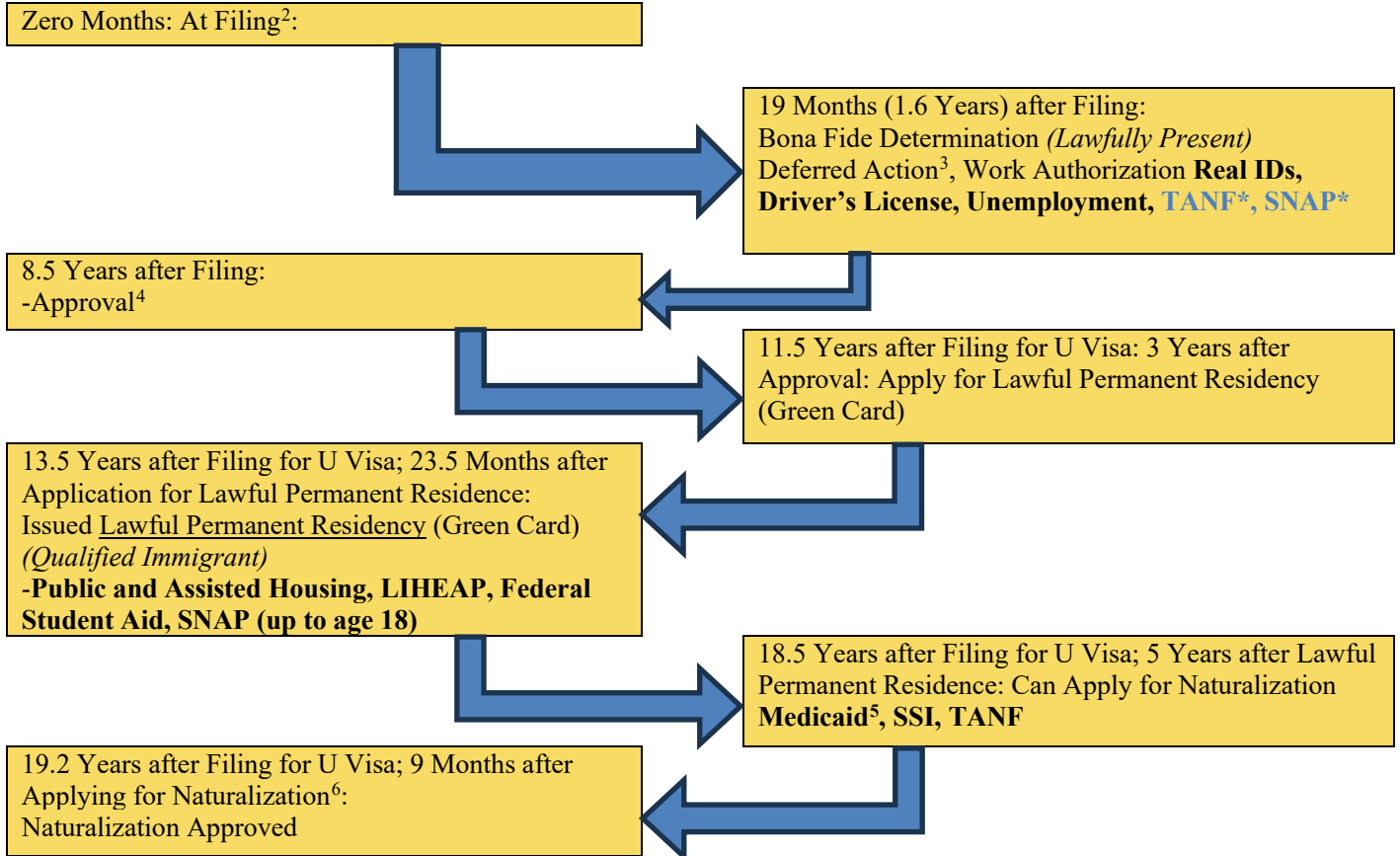


Minnesota Benefits Infographic – U Visa,
Sarah Register, Suzana Coelho, and Leslye E. Orloff (May 20, 2026)

U Visa Children¹

- Eligible for Minnesota Student Aid, Grants and Loans if attended 3 years of high school in Minnesota and graduated from Minnesota high school, or received GED in state.
- All income-eligible Minnesota residents who are under 21 are eligible for Medical Assistance regardless of immigration status.
- All pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care, full-scope health care, 12 months post-partum care and newborn care without regard to immigration status.
- All Minnesota residents are eligible for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.
- All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status.



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

State funded blue font – State benefits charts <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/all-state-public-benefits-charts/>

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 As of October 2025 they began issuing U visa approvals for cases filed in early 2017.

⁵ Eligible for federal Medicaid having become a qualified immigrant by attaining lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.

⁶ Wait time is 9 months at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Field Office.

NIWAP, American University, Washington College of Law

4300 Nebraska Avenue NW N100B · Washington, D.C. 20016

(o) 202.274.4457 · niwap@wcl.american.edu · [wcl.american.edu/niwap](https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/) · <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/>

Minnesota Benefits Infographic – U Visa,
Sarah Register, Suzana Coelho, and Leslye Orloff (May 20, 2026)

U Visa Adults

- Eligible for Minnesota Student Aid, Grants and Loans if attended 3 years of high school in Minnesota and graduated from Minnesota high school, or received GED in state.
- All income-eligible Minnesota residents are eligible MinnesotaCare regardless of immigration status.
- All pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care, full-scope health care, 12 months post-partum care and newborn care without regard to immigration status.
- All Minnesota residents are eligible for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

Zero Months: At Filing⁷:

19 Months (1.6 Years) after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Lawfully Present*)
Deferred Action⁸, Work Authorization **Real IDs**,
Driver's License, Unemployment, TANF*,
SNAP*

8.5 Years after Filing:
-Approval⁹

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 (If over age 50)**¹⁰

18.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 5 Years after
Lawful Permanent Residence:
Medicaid¹¹, SSI, TANF, SNAP
Can Apply for Naturalization

19.2 Years after Filing for U Visa; 9 Months after
Applying for Naturalization¹²:

Naturalization Approved

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

State funded blue font – State benefits charts <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/all-state-public-benefits-charts/>

⁷ Obtaining a certification from a government official is a required prerequisite to filing for a U Visa.

⁸ Formal protection from removal/deportation.

⁹ As of October 2025 they began issuing U visa approvals for cases filed in early 2017.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Eligible for federal Medicaid having become a qualified immigrant by attaining lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.

¹² Wait time is 9 months at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Field Office.