

Nevada Benefits Infographic – U Visa,
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U Visa Children¹

- All students eligible for in-state tuition and financial aid at public postsecondary institutions regardless of immigration status if the student graduated or has GED from Nevada high school or the student or their parent resided in the state for 12 months.
- Nevada driver's license, professional and occupational licenses available to all persons without regard to immigration status for Nevada residents
- All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status

Zero Months: At Filing²: **Post-Secondary Education, Driver's Licenses**

19 Months (1.6 Years) after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Lawfully Present*)
Deferred Action³, Work Authorization **Real IDs**,
Driver's License, Unemployment, Healthcare (CHIP)

8.5 Years after Filing:
-Approval⁴

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), **TANF if abused immigrant**

18.5 Years after Filing for U Visa; 5 Years after Lawful
Permanent Residence: Can Apply for Naturalization
Medicaid⁵, SSI, TANF

19.2 Years after Filing for U Visa; 9.25 Months after
Applying for Naturalization⁶:
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/>

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 10 months at the Las Vegas Field Office and 8.5 at the Reno Field Office.

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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.

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