



U Visa qualifying criminal activity occurs

Law enforcement or systems-based advocate informs victim about U Visa

Victim is referred to advocate / non-government agency / trusted immigration attorney

U Visa request made by victim, victim advocate or immigration attorney

Applicable certifying agency receives U Visa request

Certifying Agency reviews relevant records to determine eligibility

Based on provided reports from the police and the victim, the certifier determines the following:

1. All qualifying criminal activities in the case;*
2. That criminal activity occurred in the U.S.; and
3. That the victim is/was/ will likely be helpful in the detection, investigation, prosecution or sentencing

If qualified, the agency fills out the required forms and sends all relevant information to a certifying agent

U visa certification signed by chief/sheriff or designee

Agency / victim send the forms and all applicable documents and evidence to USCIS for processing

*For more information on qualifying criminal activities, see NIWAP's "U Visa Certification and T Visa Declaration Toolkit for Law Enforcement Agencies and Prosecutors" (May 6, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-t-visa-toolkit_law-enforcement-prosecutors.