

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Form I-864: financial support, records and sponsor obligations

Is Form I-864 only a letter promising financial help?

No. USCIS describes I-864 as an affidavit connected to a legally binding financial support obligation. It should not be treated as an informal reference letter. Understanding who signs, what records support the request and what the obligation means requires the current instructions and appropriate individual review.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Read the support obligation before treating the affidavit as routine.
- ☐ Identify the owner and period of every financial record.
- ☐ Keep intending immigrant and proposed sponsor records separate.
- ☐ Record questions about household composition and calculations.
- ☐ Use current official instructions rather than an old threshold chart.
- ☐ Protect sensitive financial information when seeking help.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: I-864: Affidavit of Support

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-864>

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

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