

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Joint sponsors and household members: different financial-support roles

Is a joint sponsor the same as a household member contributing income?

No. The Department of State describes separate financial-support roles and documentation. An additional sponsor can address an income question under the applicable framework, but does not cure every requirement or eliminate the petitioner's own affidavit and qualification requirements.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the existing role and corresponding records.
- ☐ Preserve the person's identity and role without assuming qualification.
- ☐ Keep source records separate from unsupported totals.
- ☐ Identify the exact official instruction requiring analysis.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

Department of State: Affidavit of Support: sponsor, joint sponsor and domicile

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/the-immigrant-visa-process/step-1-submit-a-petition/i-864-affidavit-faqs.html>

USCIS: I-864: Affidavit of Support

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

USCIS: Form I-864A: sponsor and household-member financial roles

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

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Source links (continued)

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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