

Diversity “green card” lottery program starting 2009 (for DV-2010)

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This is general information on the Diversity Immigrant Visa (“Green Card”) Lottery program. In reviewing this information, please note that the International Student and Scholar Services is not advising on this program. You will need to research and make the decision to apply or not to apply on your own. Our intention is to provide you with the accurate website since the application process is free and you should be wary of any private websites/law firms that offer a charge for applying for the lottery. According to accurate sources the period of application started October 2, 2009 and continues through November 30, 2009. You must apply via the official website application:

<http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/application.aspx>

In general, Immigration and Naturalization Act makes available 50,000 permanent resident visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. The Department of State has indicated that for this year’s Diversity Lottery [DV-2010], the following countries are NOT eligible to apply because they have had more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the previous five years:

- \* Brazil
- \* Canada
- \* China (mainland born)
- \* Colombia
- \* Dominican Republic
- \* Ecuador
- \* El Salvador
- \* Guatemala
- \* Haiti
- \* India
- \* Jamaica
- \* Mexico
- \* Pakistan
- \* Peru
- \* Philippines
- \* Poland
- \* South Korea
- \* United Kingdom and dependent territories
- \* Vietnam

Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Again, please do not pay a fee for submitting such a request – there are “scams” that guarantee a “green card” which are untrue – we don’t wish you to pay for something that is free to apply (if your home country is not listed above, you can apply – see the U.S. State Department website for application info):

<http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/>