

## Instructions

Please read these instructions carefully to properly complete this form. If you need more space to complete an answer, use a separate sheet(s) of paper. Write your name and Alien Registration Number (A #), if any, at the top of each sheet of paper and indicate the part and number of the item to which the answer refers.

### What Is the Purpose of This Form?

You should use Form I-918 to request temporary immigration benefits if you are a victim of certain qualifying criminal activity. If you received interim relief prior to publication of regulations regarding these benefits, you should use Form I-918.

### Who May File This Form I-918?

Form I-918 should be filed by you, the victim, and may include qualifying family members. It can also be used at a later date to file for qualifying family members not included on the original petition.

**1. Principal Petitioner.** You must demonstrate all of the following:

**A.** You are a victim of criminal activity designated in section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act). Such activity is defined as being the victim of one or more of the following or any similar activity in violation of Federal, State or local criminal law:

1. Rape;
2. Torture;
3. Trafficking;
4. Incest;
5. Domestic violence;
6. Sexual assault;
7. Abusive sexual contact;
8. Prostitution;
9. Sexual exploitation;
10. Female genital mutilation;
11. Being held hostage;

12. Peonage;
  13. Involuntary servitude;
  14. Slave trade;
  15. Kidnapping;
  16. Abduction;
  17. Unlawful criminal restraint;
  18. False imprisonment;
  19. Blackmail;
  20. Extortion;
  21. Manslaughter;
  22. Murder;
  23. Felonious assault;
  24. Witness tampering;
  25. Obstruction of justice;
  26. Perjury; or
  27. Attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of the above.
- B.** You have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of qualifying criminal activity;
- C.** You possess information concerning the qualifying criminal activity of which you were a victim;
- D.** A Federal, State or local government official investigating or prosecuting a qualifying criminal activity certifies (using **Supplement B** of this petition) that you have been, you are being or you are likely to be helpful to the official in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal act of which you are a victim; and
- E.** The criminal activity of which you are a victim violated the laws of the United States or occurred in the United States (including Indian country and military installations) or the territories and possessions of the United States.