

MCHENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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U Visa Information

What is a U nonimmigrant visa (also known as a U Visa)?

A U Visa is a temporary visa issued by the United States Citizenship and immigration Services (USCIS) to victims of certain crimes, providing temporary legal status and eligibility to work in the United States for up to 4 years.

Who is eligible for a U Visa?

USCIS may find an applicant eligible for a U Visa if the applicant:

- Is the direct or indirect victim of qualifying criminal activity.
- Has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of criminal activity.
- Has been helpful, is helpful, or is likely to be helpful to a Federal, State, or local prosecutor, to a Federal or State judge, to USCIS, or to other Federal, State, or local authorities investigating or prosecuting criminal activity; and
- The criminal activity violated the laws of the United States or occurred in the U.S. or the territories and possessions of the United States.

Qualifying Criminal Activities

Examples of qualifying criminal activity include felonious assault, rape, murder, torture, kidnapping, domestic violence, sexual assault, blackmail, sexual exploitation, abusive sexual contact, hostage taken, extortion, involuntary servitude and more; or the attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above and other related crimes.

Submitting U Visa Certifications (USCIS Form I-918, Supplement B)

To submit a request for a U Visa certification to the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, please forward your request in writing with all supporting documentation to:

McHenry County Sheriff's Office

ATTN: Chief of Operations-Investigations sheriff@mchenrycountyil.gov
2200 N. Seminary Ave.
Woodstock, IL 60098
815-338-2144 x 4713

Please include as much detail as possible with your submission, including but not limited to name and date of birth of arrestee/defendant(s), case number, address of occurrence, date of incident and victim/client's name and identifiers.