

24th World Scout Jamboree

Head of Contingent Visit #1

Visa Support Team



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Role of the Visa Support Team

- Our focus is on ensuring that as many youth as possible can attend the 2019 WSJ, by providing support to individuals and contingents that are applying for of Non-Immigrant – Class B-2 Tourist Visas.
- Completing the required application processes are the sole responsibility of the NSO Contingents and their participants/IST members.



Participants and ISTs

- 30% will come from Canada, Mexico and the USA
- 50% will come from the 38 countries that are part of the US Visa Waiver Program
- 17% will come from countries where they require a US Non-Immigrant Class B-2 Tourist Visa, however those countries have low rates of refusal.
- 3% will come from countries that may have challenges in getting US Non-Immigrant Class B-2 Tourist Visas approved.



US Government Agencies

- Applications for a Non-Immigrant Class B-2 Tourist Visa are administered by the US Department of State. This is typically completed in their home country or country of residence, at a US Embassy or Consulate.
- The WSJ Team has met with officials of the US Department of State and we will continue to work with them to provide support and information.



US Government Agencies

- All persons seeking to enter the USA will be examined/interviewed at a Port of Entry by an Officer of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), which is part of the US Department of Homeland Security.
- Each traveller entering the USA by Air or Sea must have an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval. The ESTA system is administered by Customs and Border Protection.
- The WSJ Team is meeting with officials of Customs and Border Protection and as the Jamboree date gets closer, we will provide more detailed information.



US Visa Waiver Program

- 50% of the participants and IST will come from the 38 countries that are included in the US Visa Waiver Program. Citizens of those countries, travelling on passports issued by those countries, typically do not require a Non-Immigrant – Class B-2 Tourist Visa.
- Note: The US does not accept Permanent Resident status cards as travel documents. Permanent Residents of those countries must apply for Tourist Visas if their home country is not also part of the program.
- VWP requires the use of the new ePassports.



US Visa Applications

- 17% of the participants and IST will need to complete Visa Applications.
- The WSJ Team will assist with Letters of Invitation when requested.
- The US Visa requirements for Non-Immigrant Class B-2 Tourist Visas are clearly defined in English on the US Department of State website, and are often available in other languages on the US Embassy websites in those countries.



US Visa Applications

- 3% will come from countries that may have challenges in getting US Non-Immigrant Class B-2 Tourist Visas approved.
- The WSJ Team will assist with Letters of Invitation when requested.
- These countries are specific topics for our meetings with the US Department of State
- We will assist with additional documentation for those applicants that have been declined and wish to seek an appeal.

