



Fiancé Visa K-1 Interview Questions Checklist



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Introduction

Love happens.

There is no formula – it can and does happen anywhere and everywhere.

Sometimes the love bug hits when one or both individuals are in a distant land, hundreds of miles away from their home country.

As an immigration attorney, I've had the privilege of helping countless couples - from different countries across the globe – who met by accident or fate - overcome legal obstacles to living their lives together by winning a fiancé visa.

For instance:

- Stationed at a military base in the Philippines, a U.S. soldier meets his future wife while shopping at a grocery store.
- A Grammy Award singer, on tour in Europe, develops a friendship with a Swedish crew member for her shows that blossoms into romance.
- Born in Nigeria, a naturalized U.S. citizen returns home for vacation, and falls in love for the second time with his high school sweetheart.
- A young college graduate travels to Mexico for his great-grandmother's funeral and instantly develops a bond with one of her caretakers, a second-degree cousin he had never met.
- During a company event, the lead engineer of a multi-billion U.S. construction project being built in China is introduced to a secretary of a subsidiary company, with whom an emotional warmth and sentiment is almost instantly fused.
- Online, a theatrical conductor is introduced to a Russian song writer and composer, a relationship which develops over the course of a few years into a deep affection for each other.

At Batara Immigration Law, we don't feel mountains and oceans, valleys and hills,

bridges and borders should keep you from living happily ever with the love of your life.

That's why I wrote this guide.

Study the questions. At your fiancé visa interview, you may not be asked the same exact questions.

But they will provide you with insights into the types of issues that will be inquired about at your K-1 visa interview – and bring you a step closer to togetherness.

To Your Immigration Success!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos A. Batara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carlos A. Batara

How You Met



- When did you first meet your fiancé?
- How did you first meet your fiancé? (In person, online, telephone)
- When did you first meet your fiancé in person?
- Where did you meet your fiancé in person?
- When did you begin corresponding with your fiancé?
- How do you keep in touch with your fiancé? (Chat, phone, email)
- How often do you communicate with your fiancé?
- In what language(s) do you and your fiancé communicate?
- When did you and your fiancé begin dating?
- How many times have you and your fiancé met in person?
- Has your fiancé ever been to your country to spend time with you?
- If yes, how many times?
- What month(s) and year(s)?

- If yes, how long was each visit?
- Have you ever been to the U.S. to spend time with your fiancé?
- If yes, how many times?
- What month(s) and year(s)?
- If yes, how long was each visit?
- When was the last time you and your fiancé met in person? Where?
- What kind of dates have you gone on?
- What activities do you enjoy doing together?
- Has your fiancé given you any gifts?
- What was the last gift your fiancé gave to you?

Your Engagement & Wedding



- When did your relationship turn romantic?
- Who proposed to whom?
- Where were you at the time?
- Describe the proposal. When and how did it take place?
- Did your parents approve of the engagement? Why or why not?
- Did your fiancé's family approve of the engagement? Why or why not?
- Did you make a formal engagement announcement to family and friends?
- Did you have an engagement party?
- If so, who was there? (Do you have any photos?)
- Do you already have wedding plans?

- When and where do you plan to have the wedding?
- What day of the week is the wedding?
- Why did you decide to marry in the U.S. rather than in your country?
- How many people do you expect to attend your wedding?
- Have you already sent out invitations or announcements?
- Can you provide any evidence that you've planned the wedding?
- (This type of proof includes the marriage invitation card, marriage hall booking, list of guests, shopping receipts for clothes and jewelry, arrangements for the food for the guests, etc.)
- Will your parents attend the wedding? Why or why not?
- Will any other relatives of your family attend the wedding? If so, who?
- Will any friends of yours attend the wedding? If so, who?
- Will your fiancé's parents attend the wedding? Why or why not?
- Will any other relatives of your fiancé's family attend the wedding? If so, who?
- Will any friends of your fiancé attend the wedding? If so, who?
- Do you have honeymoon plans?
- When do you plan to leave?
- Where do you plan to go?
- Why did you choose this location?
- If your K-1 visa is approved, do you know what you need to do next?
- If your K-1 visa is approved, when do you plan on leaving to enter the U.S.?

General - U.S. Citizen



- What is your fiancé's name?
- What is your fiancé's date of birth?
- What state does your fiancé live in?
- What do you know about the state your fiancé lives in?
- Do you know your fiancé's address?
- What is your fiancé's phone number? Email address?
- Does your fiancé live in a house or an apartment?
- How long has your fiancé lived at his/her present address?
- Does your fiancé live with anyone? Who?
- What are your fiancé's hobbies and interests?
- Do you know the make/model/color of your fiancé's car?
- Has your fiancé ever been convicted of a crime? If so, for what?

- What are your favorite traits about your fiancé?
- What things do you and your fiancé have in common?
- What is your fiancé's favorite movie/musical artist/food?
- Does your fiancé have any pets?
- What types of pets? (Dog, cat, fish, etc.)
- Do they have names? If so, what are their names?
- What color are your fiancé's eyes?

General - K1 Immigrant



- What is your full name?
- Have you ever used other names?
- What is your date of birth?
- Where were you born?
- What is your current address?
- What is your phone number? Email address?
- Do you live in a house or an apartment?
- How long have you lived at your present address?
- Do you live with anyone? Who?

- What are your hobbies & interests?
- Have you ever been arrested? If so, for what?
- Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If so, for what?
- What is your favorite movie/musical artist/food?
- Do you have any pets?
- What types of pets? (Dog, cat, fish, etc.)
- Do they have names? If so, what are their names?

Employment



- Did your fiancé go to college? If so, where?
- Where does your fiancé work?
- What is your fiancé's job title at work?
- What is your fiancé's salary?
- How many days a week does your fiancé work?
- Did you go to college? If so, where?
- Do you currently work?
- What is your job title at work?
- What is your salary?
- How many days a week do you work?

After Marriage



- Where do you and your fiancé plan to live after marriage?
- Do you and your fiancé plan to have children?
- Do you plan to work after marriage?
- Do you plan to attend language classes?
- Do you plan to attend college or seek specialized training?
- Does your fiancé plan to attend college or seek specialized training?
- How do you picture life in 5 years?
- Do you have any long-term career plans?
- Does your fiancé have any long-term career plans?

Culture



- What is your nationality?
- What is your fiancé's nationality?
- What is your fiancé's religion?
- What is your religion?
- What is your primary language?
- What is your fiancé primary language?
- What other language(s) do you speak?
- What other language(s) does your fiancé speak?
- Do you speak and understand your fiancé's languages? How fluently?
- Does your fiancé speak and understand your language? How fluently?

Marital History - U.S. Citizen



- Was your fiancé married previously?
- How many times has your fiancé been married oviously?
- What is your fiancé's ex-spouse(s) name(s)?
- If yes, when did he/she divorce? Why did he/she divorce?
- Why did your fiancé's marriages not work out?
- Does your fiancé have children?
- If so, how many?
- What are their names?
- How old are your fiancé's children?
- Do they live with your fiancé?

- Have you met his/her children? Why or why not?
- Will any of them live with you?
- Are you willing to take care of your fiancé's children if they live with him/her?

Marital History - K1 Immigrant



- Have you been married previously?
- How many times have you been married previously?
- What is your ex-spouse(s) name(s)?
- If yes, when did you divorce?
- Why did you divorce?
- Why did your marriages not work out?
- Do you have any children?
- If so, how many?
- What are their names?

- How old are your children?
- Do they live with you?
- Has your fiancé met your children? Why or why not?
- Will any of them live with you?
- Is your fiancé willing to take care of your children if they live with you?

Family And Friends



- What are your fiancé's parents' names?
- Have you met your fiancé's parents?
- Why or why not?
- Where do your fiancé's parents live?
- Has your fiancé met your parents?
- Why or why not?
- Where do your parents live?
- Does your fiancé have any brothers and sisters?
- How many?
- What are their names?
- Have you met any of them?
- If so, who?
- Do you have any brothers or sisters?

- How many?
- What are their names?
- Has your fiancé met any of them?
- If so, who?
- Has your fiancé met any of your other family members?
- If so, who?
- Have you met any of your fiancé's other family members?
- If so, who?
- Do you know any of your fiancé's friends?
- If so, who?
- Does your fiancé know any of your friends?
- If so, who?

Travel History



- Not counting visits to see your fiancé, have you ever been to the United States?
- If so, on what kind of visa did you use to go to the U.S.?
- How many times have you visited the U.S. for non-fiancé visits?
- How long did you stay each time?
- When did you leave your country? When did you return?
- Where and why did you visit?
- Do you have relatives living in the U.S.?
- If so, where do they live?
- Do you have any friends living in the U.S.?
- If so, where do they live?
- Have you ever been denied a visa to any country? If so, why?
- Have you had a K-1 fiancé visa before? If so, when?
- To whom were you engaged?
- Did you get married to that person? Why or why not?

Conclusion

For several years, politicians in Washington, D.C. have talked about revamping America's immigration system.

Among these discussions, there have been suggestions to curtail family immigration.

These proposals overlook a basic tenet of human existence.

Love happens.

It happens in an instant, in a single moment, unexpectedly and unpredictably.

It happens between individuals from different countries, different cultures, and different regions.

When the love is real and genuine, the only real impediment to couples living together in the U.S. is poor planning and preparation.

Once the required forms have been completed and submitted, along with essential evidence – engagement rings, photographs, travel, hotel, and airline receipts, police clearance certificates, birth and divorce documents, medical exams, financial records, email and telephone communications, and the like – all that is left is the interview.

The interview is intended only for the foreign fiancé. Even though the U.S. citizen may go with his or her spouse-to-be for moral support, it is the foreign fiancé who is the subject of the interview and must address the questions asked.

For most, if not all, couples, the interview is a nerve-whacking and heart-pounding experience where the cherished dream of living together is put to the test . . .

By a cautious Consular Official dedicated to weeding out the bad apples, those who are seeking to perpetuate immigration fraud.

The interview may last 5 minutes, or 15, or 30. Almost no inquiry is out of bounds. Almost no question is off limits.

The 180 questions outlined here are only a tiny sprinkling of what you may be asked.

Yet, they are more than sufficient to help you get ready for the types of issues you will be forced to address.

Now it's up to you. Get to work and start studying. Don't stop with this list. Go over other possible questions with your future husband or wife.

Don't try to memorize answers. Just refresh your recollection and get a good feel for what you want to talk about when asked various types of questions.

Remember, above all else, love happens.

In my mind, with adequate planning and preparation, real and genuine love will prevail.

Assuming that's you, may eternal happiness be yours together.

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