

## Sponsors through the Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans (CHNV) May Be Eligible for Welcome Corps

**Did you apply to the CHNV Program?** If you filed a Form I-134 or Form I-134A, you may be eligible for the Welcome Corps. You can also now submit applications through this program. Through the **Welcome Corps** – a program under the U.S. Department of State where groups of three to five legal

permanent residents or citizens, who live in the same area, join together to sponsor a refugee/refugee household to resettle permanently in the United States through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. Sponsor groups applying to sponsor someone with a pending CHNV application only need to have three

### The Welcome Corps offers a permanent pathway to resettlement in the U.S.

A refugee who arrives through the Welcome Corps can apply for permanent residency after one year in the U.S. They can apply for citizenship after five years.

Sponsored refugees who come through this program **can work upon arrival**; they don't need to apply for work authorization.

This program differs from other sponsorship programs like the Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans (CHNV).

## 2 ways to SPONSOR A REFUGEE through Welcome Corps

<h3>1</h3> <p><b>You can be matched:</b></p> <p>Private sponsor groups can be matched with a refugee/refugee household who is already in the process of being resettled to the United States.</p> <p>You can indicate your preference to sponsor a a refugee/family with specific characteristics like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spoken language</li><li>• Nationality; and/or</li><li>• Household composition (the number of refugees in a family and children)</li></ul>	<h3>2</h3> <p><b>Sponsor someone you know:</b></p> <p>Private sponsor groups can apply to support someone they already know who meets the legal definition of a refugee.</p> <p>Use the <u><a href="#">Refugee Eligibility Tool</a></u> to check if the individuals you would like to sponsor may be eligible for consideration for resettlement in the United States.</p>
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If you already signed up to sponsor someone through Processes for CHNV, **the Welcome Corps is another chance to bring the person you want to sponsor to the U.S., as long as they meet the required eligibility criteria.**

**Learn More about Welcome Corps for CHNV by scanning or clicking here:**

