



Are You Interested in Welcoming and Supporting a Newcomer Individual or Family From Ukraine, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Cuba, or Haiti?

Take the next steps to learn about Welcome Circles

- Attend USCCB Info Session ([Register Here](#))
- Find 4 friends in or near your community who are 18 years or older to join you in forming your circle
- Identify a financial supporter
 - This sponsor will need to complete the I-134A Declaration of Financial Support AFTER a beneficiary has been identified
- Identify an individual or family
 - You may already be connected with a family that you are willing to support
 - Your local parish/church may know of a family interested in being matched with a sponsor circle
 - If you have not connected with a beneficiary, then you can apply to be matched via Welcome.US matching portal: [Welcome Connect](#)
- To learn about and understand the role and responsibility of Welcome Circles, we recommend that each member of your Circle complete this short course: [Welcome Circle Training](#) (Please retain the Certificate of Completion for certification)
- When you are ready to apply to become a certified Welcome Circle, please notify USCCB [Here](#) and see page 2 for more details**



Ready to Form a Welcome Circle?

You have identified 5 circle members & a financial sponsor.

What next?

- Identify an individual or family beneficiary**
 - If you do not have a beneficiary and your local parish or organization has not identified one for your circle, then you can apply to be matched via [Welcome Connect](#)
 - **You can begin this application while you are completing the Sponsor Circle application (see below).**
- Complete the I-134A:** When you have a beneficiary match, the financial sponsor must complete the I-134A Declaration of Financial Support found here [Form I-134A](#)
- Complete the Sponsor Circle application.** This link will take you to the Sponsor Circle page that will link you to all the documents mentioned below. Please make sure:
 - Every circle member completes the required background check.
 - At least one member of your circle completes the sponsor circle course. **We recommend that each member completes this helpful and short training.** (Retain the Certificate of Completion for certification)
 - Complete a Welcome Plan, outlining details of how you will receive and support the newcomer(s).
 - Make sure every circle member completes the code of conduct
- When your Welcome Plan is complete, USCCB must review it carefully** to make sure you are prepared to receive and support newcomers. You may be asked to add/change information in the Plan
- Once reviewed, you can upload your Welcome Plan along with the other required documents and submit.
 - When asked to select “Umbrella Organization,” please check “USCCB”
- While you wait to be notified about certification and I-134A approval (and your beneficiary match), continue pre-arrival preparation. You might find this helpful: [Pre-Arrival Checklist](#)