



## CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

### VISA FOR BENEFICIARIES

A visa for beneficiary may be granted to the spouse, parents and children, who are economically dependent of the foreigner to whom a visa has been granted, prior presentation of proof of kinship. The courtesy visas as well as business, crewmember and visitor visas, do not cause the granting of beneficiary visas.

#### DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Passport with available pages, and valid for at least three (3) months.
- Two (2) photocopies of the pages of the passport containing information, as well as all previously granted visas.
- Two (2) originals of the Visa Application Form completely filled out, and duly signed.
- Three (3) recent color passport-type photographs (1.5"x1.5").
- A legal document as proof of bond or kinship (i.g.: marriage certificate) **APOSTILLED**. When the beneficiary is a common law spouse it is required a copy of the legal certificate attesting the existence of a permanent union. (**APOSTILLED**)
- Proof of economic dependence (i.g.: a copy of the annual income tax report) **APOSTILLED**.
- Original of the letter by which the bearer of the visa assumes responsibility for the stay of the beneficiary, as well as for his exit of the country. In **SPANISH, NOTARIZED AND APOSTILLED**.
- Photocopy of the visa of the visa holder.

**CONSULAR FEE:** It is the same as the cost of the visa holder's visa. (i.g.:If the visa holder has a Work visa which cost is US \$205, the cost of the Beneficiary's visa will be \$205). In cash or Money Order only.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES

- If the application of a visa for a beneficiary is submitted through a consulate different from the one that granted the visa to the visa holder, a prior authorization from the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is required.
- If the visa is issued for more than three (3) months, the visa holder should register it in the Immigration Office of the Administrative Department of Security (**Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad - DAS -**) within fifteen (15) working days from the arrival date.
- All applicants are required to appear in person at the consulate's office either when submitting the documentation or when receiving the approved visa. **No exceptions.**
- All Documents issued in languages other than Spanish MUST be submitted duly **TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH**, and both versions should be **notarized** by a Notary Public. They must be also certified with an **APOSTILLE** by the Office of the Secretary of State at the State where they were issued.
- For U.S citizens the study of the visa application form and documents takes three (3) working days; for non-U.S. citizens it may take up to two (2) weeks, and it is subject to the approval of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.