



Schengen Visa

Visa for which an authorization has been delivered directly in Switzerland

Please note: only foreign residents and foreign students in the United States who have a valid permanent resident card or U.S. visa (e.g. categories F1 (I-20), H1B (I-797), G1, J1, I-512, etc.) may apply for a visa. If you have a B1/B2 visa, you must apply in your country of residence.

Note for children (dependents) and spouses of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals: point 8 does not apply. Instead, please include the following documents: Notarized copy of valid Swiss or EU passport of spouse/partner/parent and proof of family relation (marriage/birth certificate or partnership contract). Visa will be free of charge.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If necessary, you may be requested to bring additional documents.

Before booking an appointment with VFS, please email a copy of the cantonal authorization and a copy of your last Schengen visa to the competent Swiss representation for document verification and indicate your place/state of residence. Please include the Swiss representation's response to your email with your visa application, see point 7.

If the authorized stay is for less than 90 days within 6 months (also applies to work authorizations for 120 days within 12 months), the entry visa is issued in form of a Schengen visa. Your application has to be submitted in person to VFS, unless the fingerprints of the applicant were collected within the last 59 months for a previous Schengen visa (*).

(*) the application can be submitted by mail. However, it cannot be determined whether the quality of the biometric data allows copying of the fingerprints from a previous visa until the application is processed. For that reason, an in-person appearance might still be required.

Requested documents		Yes
1	Schengen visa application form, original Duly filled out, dated and signed by the applicant. Click here to submit your application and make an appointment: "Book an appointment" / "Book now" For minors (under 18 years of age), both parents will need to sign and enclose copies of their passports. If one parent has sole custody, custody agreements/orders have to be submitted.	☐
2	Passport photo 1 passport-sized picture (3.5 x 4 cm or U.S. standard-sized passport photo): Color photo on a white background Taken from the front; without obstruction Recent (less than 6 months old) Please find the exact requirements here . Digital files and photocopies will not be accepted.	☐
3	Original passport Valid at least 3 months after departure from the Schengen area Issued within the last 10 years With at least 2 blank visa pages	☐
4	Copy of valid passport 1 photocopy of the passport (personal data page)	☒

5	Proof of residency in the United States Notarized copy of Green Card Copy of H1B / H4 / L1 visa + 1 notarized copy of I-797 / I-129S Copy of F1 visa + 1 notarized copy of the I-20 with valid travel endorsement signature not older than 1 year Copy of J1 visa + 1 notarized copy of DS-2019 with valid travel endorsement Copy of A or G visa Other proof: _____	☐
6	Copy of authorization issued by the Swiss cantonal authority	☐
7	Copy of email correspondence with competent Swiss representation	☐
8	Visa fee (non-refundable) The visa fee is subject to change: please check the website for the current fee .	☐ Adult ☐ Child (6-12)

Important general information:

- The visa application must be submitted no more than 6 months prior to departure and no later than 7 calendar days before the intended start of the trip.
- During the visa processing period, the return of the passport is not possible.
- The corresponding Swiss representation cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience caused by delays.