

Asylees are granted permission to remain in the U.S. because of fear of persecution in the home country due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Asylee status is granted to people already present in the U.S.

People who have been granted asylum are eligible for federal funding (MA program M or MinnesotaCare program L or F) regardless of date of entry. See §0906.03.03.03 (Qualified Non-Citizens--Program Provisions) and §0906.03.13 (MinnesotaCare Major Programs). Consider people originally admitted as asylees who later adjust to LPR status to be asylees for 7 years from the date asylum is granted. See §0906.03.03.05 (Qualified Non-Citizens/Status Adjustment).

Require one of the following forms of verification of asylee status:

- > **USCIS** Form I-94 annotated with a stamp showing a grant of asylum.
- > Grant letter from the Asylum Office of the **USCIS**.
- > **USCIS** Form I-688B annotated 274a.12(a)(5).
- > **USCIS** Form I-766 annotated A5.
- > Order from an Immigration Judge granting asylum.

People whose deportation has been withheld have a similar status to asylees. The **USCIS** withholds deportation because of a threat to life or freedom in the person's home country due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

People whose deportation has been withheld have the same eligibility status as asylees. Consider people whose deportation was withheld who later adjust to LPR status to have deportation withheld status for 7 years from the date that status was granted

Require one of the following forms of verification for people whose deportation is withheld:

- > Order from an Immigration Judge showing the date of a grant of deportation withheld under section 243(h) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act.
- > **USCIS** Form I-688B annotated 274a.12(a)(10).
- > **USCIS** Form I-766 annotated A10.
- > I-94 stamped Withholding of Deportation.