

EB-1A (Extraordinary Ability) is an immigrant visa that applies to aliens who have extraordinary ability in the areas of science, arts, education, business, or athletics, which has been demonstrated by substantiated national or international acclaim, and whose achievements have been recognized in the field through extensive documentation.

EB-1A petition must meet at least 3 of the 10 criteria* below, or provide evidence of a one-time achievement (i.e., Pulitzer, Oscar, Olympic Medal) as well as evidence showing that you will be continuing to work in the area of your expertise. No offer of employment or labor certification is required:

- **Evidence of receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence**
- **Evidence of your membership in associations in the field which demand outstanding achievement of their members**
- **Evidence of published material about you in professional or major trade publications or other major media**
- **Evidence that you have been asked to judge the work of others, either individually or on a panel**
- **Evidence of your original scientific, scholarly, artistic, athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance to the field**
- **Evidence of your authorship of scholarly articles in professional or major trade publications or other major media**
- **Evidence that your work has been displayed at artistic exhibitions or showcases**
- **Evidence of your performance of a leading or critical role in distinguished organizations**
- **Evidence that you command a high salary or other significantly high remuneration in relation to others in the field**
- **Evidence of your commercial successes in the performing arts.**

This alien must continue work in the area of extraordinary ability and his or her entry into the United States must be shown to substantially and prospectively benefit the U.S. Applicants can file EB-1A petitions on their own behalf and do not need a sponsor from the employer. If your I-140 petition is approved, your spouse



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and unmarried children under the age of 21 may be eligible to apply for admission to the United States in E-14 or E-15 immigrant status, respectively. The petition is one of the fastest ways to obtain a Green Card.