

Private Sponsorship Program

By: Welcome Corps

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Introduction



[The Welcome Corps](#) is a program of the US Department of State, it is a new service opportunity for Americans to welcome refugees seeking freedom and safety and, in turn, make a difference in their own communities. Together, sponsor groups welcome refugee newcomers by securing and preparing initial housing, greeting refugee newcomers at the airport, enrolling children in school, and helping adults to find employment.

Establish Your Private Sponsor Group

- Groups of five can be formed by friends, neighbors, work colleagues, or any group of adults who together meet the requirements: a minimum of five members who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, who are over the age of 18 and who live in or near the welcoming community.
- [PSG-Toolkit-Intro-Welcome-Corps.pdf \(welcomecorps.org\)](#)

Complete Your Background Check

- Make sure every Private Sponsor Group member completes the required background check. View [Background Check Protocols](#) and [step-by-step User Guide](#).
- Register for [Sterling Volunteers](#) account to start the background screening process ([Get Started with Sterling Volunteers - Sterling Volunteers](#))

Complete Training

- At least one member of your group must complete the Welcome Corps Essentials Training before submitting your application. Be sure to select The Welcome Corps from the list of options when you sign up.
- Register for Training (Community Sponsorship Essentials Training sponsoressentials.org)

Attend an Application Support Session

- If you are applying to sponsor a refugee family you have not yet met, join the Welcome Corps team for an overview of the sponsor application process, including the completion of your Welcome Plan.

Please note: If you are interested in sponsoring a Vietnamese refugee or refugee family that you know, you should wait to attend an application support session until further information and program guidelines are available later this year (Phase 2). You can stay in touch with developments in the Welcome Corps program by subscribing to [the email list](#).

- Register for Application Support Session via Zoom ([Webinar Registration - Zoom](#))

Complete Your Welcome Plan

- The Welcome Plan is a critical piece of your Private Sponsor Group application. This Welcome Plan asks Private Sponsor Groups to explain how they will support sponsored refugees during their first 90 days in the United States.

[Welcome-Plan-Welcome-Corps.pdf \(welcomecorps.org\)](https://welcomecorps.org/Welcome-Plan-Welcome-Corps.pdf)

Sign the Commitment Form

- Make sure every member signs the Private Sponsor Group commitment form and reviews the [Code of Conduct](#).

Private Sponsor Group commitment form ([Private-Sponsor-Group-Commitment-Welcome-Corps.pdf](#))

Begin Fundraising

- Fundraising can help you generate the financial and in-kind resources needed to welcome and support refugee newcomers.

[Fundraising-Tips-and-Tools-Welcome-Corps.pdf \(welcomecorps.org\)](#)

Submit Your Application!

- Completing your application typically takes 45 minutes to one hour. It is recommended to gather all information and materials needed prior to beginning the application.
- Prior to beginning the application, it is recommended to gather all information and materials needed, including your completed Welcome Plan, signed Private Sponsor Group Commitment Forms from each member of your group, Welcome Corps Essentials Training certificate for at least one member of your group, and evidence of sufficient fundraising.

[Private Sponsor Group Application](#)



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