

Possible Extreme Hardship Factors

1. Applicant's age both at the time of entry and at the time of relief
2. Length of residence in the United States
3. Family members residing in the United States and their immigration/citizenship status
4. Family and other ties in the foreign country
5. Health conditions of the applicant's spouse, parents, and children, and the availability of required medical treatment in the foreign country
6. Financial impact of the applicant's departure
7. Ability of the applicant to obtain employment in the foreign country
8. Possibility of other means of immigrating
9. Economic and political conditions in the applicant's home country
10. Ability to raise children if family members are not available to help
11. Quality of life factors in the home country
12. Disruption of educational opportunities
13. Educational opportunities for children who do not speak, read, write language
14. Age, number, and immigration status of the applicant's children and their ability to speak the native language of the foreign country and adjust to life there
15. Separation from family members, especially in single parent situations
16. Separation from family members when qualifying relative is ill or elderly
17. Violence/ damage from civil war and disasters in home country
18. Psychological impact of the applicant's departure including depression, trauma
19. Political persecution in foreign country
20. Contributions to and ties to the community in the United States
21. Acculturation and integration into U.S. society, and
22. Severe personal consequences and non-economic hardship flowing from economic ones