B-2 Visa/WB
Tips for Family Members and Friends Who Visit You in the United States

Student/Scholar:

- Create an invitation letter from you highlighting the reason for the visit and expenses you will be covering (for example, they might be staying with you and you might be providing their meals, or you might have purchased their airplane tickets).
- Make copies of your current immigration documents.
- Send copies of your documents to the family member(s) or friends you intend to invite.

Family members or friends, when preparing for the B-2 visa appointment:

- Review the U.S. Consulate website in the country where they intend to apply for the B-2 visa so they can prepare the necessary forms and documents and pay the required visa fees. They will also need to bring two visa-appropriate photos with them to their appointment.
- Prior to the visa appointment, they should verify that each applicant’s passport has a validity date at least six months beyond the intended period of stay in the USA.
- Take the documentation (invitation letter, copies of your immigration documents) you sent to them prior to their appointment to their interview.
- Be prepared to explain the reason for the trip (i.e. summer vacation, etc), length of time for the trip, and where they intend to visit while in the United States.
- Be prepared to provide proof of financial resources for the trip.
- Be prepared to explain their non-immigrant intent, which may include documentation about their residence in their home country that they intend to return to after the visit, family ties in home country, or documentation of employment in home country.

Other tips:

- ISSS strongly encourages your visitor(s) to purchase travel insurance for the duration of their visit. ISSS has a list of providers who offer this type of insurance available upon request.
- When your visitor(s) arrive in the USA, please review the entry stamp in their passports and their I-94 records, which are available on-line at https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html to make sure that there are no issues with the period of stay or the visa category in which they were admitted.