

## Documentation and Benefit Eligibility for Ukrainians

	Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	Humanitarian Parole (HP) and Uniting for Ukraine (U4U)	Lautenberg Program
<b>What is it?</b>	<p>TPS is designated to a country facing temporary conditions such as: ongoing armed conflict, an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions. TPS beneficiaries are not removable from the U.S., can obtain an employment authorization document (EAD) and may be granted travel authorization.</p> <p>The TPS designation period for Ukraine lasts 18-months from April 19, 2022, through October 19, 2023.</p>	<p>There are two main pathways through which Ukrainians have received HP: (1) through the U4U program; and (2) crossing the U.S.-Mexico border prior to the U4U program.</p> <p><b>U4U is a sponsorship program</b> that allows an individual or organization in the U.S. to sponsor a Ukrainian beneficiary.</p> <p>HP allows individuals admission to the U.S. for a temporary period.</p>	<p>The Lautenberg Program is a family reunification program for citizens in former Soviet Union countries, including Ukraine, who are members of a religious minority group. This can include Jews, Evangelical Christians, Ukrainian Catholics, members of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church and Greek Orthodox Church, who have family in the United States.</p> <p>The Program operates through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). It expires each fiscal year on Sep. 30 and is reauthorized by Congress.</p>
<b>Eligibility and Required Documents</b>	<p>Ukrainians must submit an Application for Temporary Protected Status (Form I-821) and pay a \$50 filing fee (or submit a Form I-912 Request for a Fee Waiver) AND:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be a Ukrainian national or noncitizen having no nationality, who last habitually resided in Ukraine</li> <li>- Have continuously resided in the United States since April 11, 2022; and</li> <li>- Have continuously been physically present in the US since April 19, 2022</li> </ul> <p>The total filing fee for TPS and an EAD is \$545 but <a href="#">fees vary</a> depending on if the applicant wants an EAD and the applicant's age range.</p>	<p>Ukrainians with HP are eligible for ORR and mainstream benefits if they were paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under the U4U program, beneficiaries are given two years of HP. Sponsors must fill out a Form I-134, Affidavit of Support to begin the process. There is no filing fee.</li> <li>- Ukrainians who entered the country through the U.S.-Mexico border prior to the U4U program were given one year of HP.</li> </ul> <p>To obtain an EAD, parolees should submit a Form I-765, Request for Employment Authorization.</p>	<p>To access the program, U.S. citizens, LPRs, asylees, or refugees who want to bring their family members to the U.S. must apply through a resettlement agency. Applications will only be considered if they go through their local resettlement office. Local resettlement offices can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Applicants must be eighteen years or older and qualifying relationships include spouse, parents, child, grandparents, grandchildren, and some siblings or nieces/nephews.</p> <p>Applicants will complete a Preliminary Questionnaire (PQ) for each family member 14 or older in English, Russian or Ukrainian. Applicants will also complete an Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) in English. There are no filing fees for the Lautenberg program.</p>

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For what benefits are individuals in each category eligible?	<p>Ukrainians with TPS are allowed to obtain an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), which under this designation will be valid until Oct. 19, 2023. To obtain an EAD, applicants or beneficiaries should submit a Form I-765, Request for Employment Authorization.</p> <p>TPS beneficiaries are not removable from the U.S.</p>	<p>Ukrainian parolees are eligible for benefits to the same extent as refugees. They can receive <a href="#">Matching Grant</a>, <a href="#">Refugee Cash</a> and <a href="#">Medical Assistance</a>, <a href="#">Preferred Communities</a>, and <a href="#">Refugee Support Services</a>, and can access federal assistance programs like <a href="#">TANF</a>, <a href="#">SNAP</a>, and <a href="#">SSI</a> (if appropriate). They are not eligible for the <a href="#">Reception and Placement Program</a> administered through the State Department.</p>	<p>Lautenberg visa holders are eligible for benefits to the same extent as refugees. Refugee benefits include the <a href="#">Reception and Placement Program</a>, <a href="#">Matching Grant</a>, <a href="#">Preferred Communities</a>, <a href="#">Refugee Cash</a> and <a href="#">Medical Assistance</a>, and <a href="#">Refugee Support Services</a>. They can also access mainstream benefits like <a href="#">TANF</a>, <a href="#">SNAP</a>, and <a href="#">SSI</a> (if appropriate).</p>
What is the pathway to lawful permanent resident (LPR) status?	<p>Because TPS is not an immigration status, there is no direct pathway to receive lawful permanent resident (LPR) status. TPS beneficiaries can achieve LPR status by applying for asylum, or if eligible, having a U.S. citizen or LPR family member file an I-130 immigrant visa petition to adjust status.</p>	<p>Because HP is not an immigration status, there is no direct pathway to lawful permanent resident (LPR) status. Humanitarian Parolees can achieve LPR status by applying for asylum, or if eligible, having a U.S. citizen or LPR family member file an I-130 immigrant visa petition to adjust status.</p>	<p>The Lautenberg Program is a family reunification program through USRAP and is a pathway to citizenship. After one year in the U.S. they are eligible for LPR status. After five years in the U.S. they are eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship.</p>