

# How to Apply Chinese Tourist Visa

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All US citizens or citizens from other country must obtain a Chinese tourist visa (L- visa) to visit China. It is your responsibility to make arrangement for your own visa required for traveling to China. However, we will assist you to apply Chinese visa.

### Where to Apply Chinese Tourist Visa in NYC:

#### Consulate General of the People's Republic China in New York

**Address:** 520 12th Ave. New York, NY 10036 (located at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

### Contact Information:

**Phone:** (212)868-2078, Fax: (212)465-1708,

**Email:** cnyconsulate@mfa.gov.cn

**Website:** <http://newyork.china-consulate.org/eng/lsqz/>

### Chinese Tourist Visa (L-Visa) Requirements:

#### 1. Original Passport

You should submit your **original passport** with at least 2 blank visa pages and valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of application. Also, if your passport is New, you must sign your name on your passport.

#### 2. Completed Visa Application Form

You should submit the Visa Application Form of the People's Republic of China (Form V.2013) which is truthfully completed and signed. Chinese embassy or Consulate would not accept OLD visa application form.

If you apply your Chinese tourist visa at NYC Chinese Consulate General office, you must use **Form V2013** (see attachment). Also, you could download this Visa Application Form from following web address:

<http://newyork.china-consulate.org/eng/lsw/lzjx/sbqz/df/P020130831195989835461.pdf>

However, if you apply Chinese tourist visa at Washington DC Chinese embassy, Huston, San Francisco or Chicago Chinese Consulate Office, you must use different visa application form download from Chinese embassy or corresponding consulate office website. Each Chinese consulate office in the US has own visa application form, and each application form is slightly different.

#### 3. Passport Photo

Please affix one color photo on the Application Form (please use glue stick). The photo should be recent, front view, in 48mm x33mm size without head covering. It is NOT necessary using same photo on your passport. If your passport is more than 5 years old, you should NOT use same photo as on your passport because it is considered not recent photo.

The photo must meet passport photo requirements (you can get it at CVS or Walgreens Pharmacy).

#### **4. A Copy of First Page Passport**

You should submit a copy of TWO page of your passport: passport page with your name, DOB, expiration date, and passport #; and your passport page that you're your signature.

#### **5. Invitation Letter and Hotel Reservation**

When apply Chinese tourist visa, you must submit invitation letter with itinerary from a Chinese government authorized Travel agency, approved hotel reservations, individual or group airline tickets reservation.

#### **6. Proof of U. S. Residency Status (for none US citizen only)**

None US citizen also need complete additional form "Supplementary Visa Application Form (V.2011B)" and need to provide the original and a photocopy of proof of U.S. residency (Green Card), work or study, proof of residency in the consular district (e.g. ID, water or electricity bills or tenancy agreement, etc. ) or a valid U.S. visa.

The Chinese Consulate General Visa Office DO NOT accepts visa application through mail, email, internet, or any express delivery service such as UPS, FedEx, etc.

#### **Visa Fee and Payment Method:**

The fee for US citizen is \$140. The fee for none US citizen from is \$30.

Number of Entry	U.S. Citizens	Citizens of Third Countries
Single Entry	\$140	\$30
Double Entries	\$140	\$45
Multiple Entries for 6 Months	\$140	\$60
Multiple Entries for 12 Months or more	\$140	\$90

Chinese Consulate General Visa Office only accepts credit card payment. Do NOT accept cash, money order, or company check payment. Also, Chinese visa office only accepts Master or Visa Card. No American Express and Discover Card.

**The Procedure for Applying Chinese Tourist Visa:**

Once you submit above required documents, you will be given a PICKUP FORM (yellow slip) which show earliest pick-up date and visa application fee.

Chinese visas can generally be picked up on the fourth working day from the submitting date. **In other words, it takes 4 business days to process your visa. If you need express service and pick up your visa next business day, there are \$30 extra charge.**

**Also, the visa applicant do NOT need present at Chinese consulate office in person. Someone else entrusted can submit application form for your and pick up your visa by submitting the pickup form.**