

## Family Invitation Information

As graduation approaches, you may want to invite your parents or other family members to celebrate commencement with you. Here are some suggestions to help them apply for a visitor's visa (B-2) at a US consulate or embassy in their home country.

Please note that IPGE ISSS advisors are unable to write a letter of invitation for your family members.

To facilitate their visa interview process you should do the following:

- Write a letter of invitation. Include the purpose of the visit, your relationship to the individuals, a statement of your status here, and itinerary details and the length of time they will be visiting (usually less than three months). It is best to emphasize the temporary nature of the invitation and to demonstrate their intention to return to their home country following the visit. If you will provide their financial support while they are here, include that information as well. There are numerous templates available online. A sample that may be used can be found [here](https://goo.gl/7VcCRE): ([goo.gl/7VcCRE](https://goo.gl/7VcCRE))
- Provide details of the [Commencement Ceremony](http://www.csus.edu/commencement/). (<http://www.csus.edu/commencement/>)
- For additional information about U.S. consulate/embassy locations and application procedures, review the U.S. Department of State [visa information](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html). (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>)

Providing your family members with this documentation may improve their chances of obtaining a visa; however, there is no guarantee a visa will be issued. The success of their request for a visa lies in their ability to prove that they have no intention of staying permanently in the U.S.