What are the required forms to obtain a T visa?

- Form I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status.
- Three passport size photographs.
- A personal statement explaining how the person was a victim of trafficking (on the Form I-914).
- Evidence to show that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements.
- It is recommended that the applicant also complete Form I-914, Supplement B, Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in Persons. This form shows that the applicant cooperated with law enforcement, which helps the chances of someone obtaining a T visa from USCIS.

For more information, please visit:

- US Department of Homeland Security
  www.uscis.gov
- Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.
  New Britain: (860) 225-8678
  Stamford: (203) 348-9216
- Greater Hartford Legal Aid
  (860) 541-5000
- New Haven Legal Assistance Assn.
  (203) 946-4811
- Your local police department

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505 Hudson Street, 5th Floor
Hartford, CT, 06106
860-550-6632
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www.ct.gov/ova
What is a T visa?

- A T visa is meant for immigrant victims of crime, who have been trafficked into the U.S.
- A T visa is a temporary visa that was established to help human trafficking victims survive while escaping strife resulting either from their current circumstance or upon return to their home country.
- T visas were also developed in an effort to increase the number of people who are willing to seek help from human trafficking situations.

Can family members of a T visa holder be protected?

YES!

- If you are under 21, you may petition on behalf of your spouse, children, parents and unmarried siblings under age 18.
- If you are above 21, you may petition on behalf of your spouse and children.
- To petition, you must file Form I-914, Supplement A, Application for Immediate Family Member of T-1 Recipient.

What are the eligibility requirements for a T visa?

- Applicants must prove that they are victims of international human trafficking. This means that they would not be in the U.S. if not for an incident of human trafficking.
- One is trafficked if they meet at least one criteria of each of the following three elements:
  1) Process by which the person was trafficked: recruitment, transportation, transferring, harboring, or receiving a person.
  2) Ways and means by which the person was trafficked: threat, coercion, abduction, fraud, deceit, deception, or abuse of power.
  3) Goals of the trafficker: prostitution, porn, violence and sexual exploitation, forced labor, or debt bondage.
- Applicants must comply with any reasonable requests by law enforcement agencies for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of human trafficking.

How is a T visa different than a U visa?

- One can only apply for a T visa if they have been involved in international human trafficking.
- To obtain a T visa, one does not need a “Certification of Helpfulness”, meaning that they do not need to participate as greatly in the investigation surrounding the trafficking.
- Applicants for T visas must show that they will suffer extreme hardship if denied the visa (while applicants of U visas must show substantial abuse).

“Extreme hardship” may include:

- Medical needs
- Victim blaming practices in the home country
- Other factors particular to the case