

Becoming a Citizen Can Be a Dream Come True.

The dream of being allowed to permanently live and work in the United States is made a reality to many with the U.S. 'Green Card Lottery.' Each year, in what is called the Diversity Lottery an immigrant receives the right to enter the U.S. permanently. This Lottery allows those from countries with low rates of immigration to win a prize that is often taken for granted by some in the U.S.

Created in 1990, the lottery is a way to give those who live in a country that has a lower rate of immigration the opportunity to enter the United States.

The way it works is this: each year, the U.S. state department selects 110,000 applicants that have the opportunity to receive their Green Card. The lottery runs each year until 50,000 Green Cards are issued or the fiscal year ends, whichever comes first.. These fortunate folks are permitted to live and work in the United States, along with their spouses and unmarried children under the age of 21.

As most are aware, the Green Card is a permanent visa that enables the holder to live, work or study in the United States. The lucky winners of the Green Card Lottery, therefore, are permitted to work in any public, government, or private job, and are entitled to all benefits: health, education, retirement, and Social Security.

Another benefit is the fact that the American Green Card does not interfere with one's present citizenship. As a matter of fact, the holders of this card may at a later time apply for an American citizenship if they choose to, and may even retain dual citizenship if their native country permits this. Those seeking to follow this process, especially in Florida, should consider legal counsel by seeking an Immigration lawyer in Miami or an Immigration lawyer in Orlando.

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