

Ask the U.S. Embassy – March 27, 2018

Q: I searched “cost for U.S. non-immigrant (tourist) visa.” Several results populated. Which website should I use?

You are wise to question what you read online! For the most reliable, up-to-date information about how to apply for U.S. non-immigrant visit: <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-JM/niv/> All visa applicants, including children, are required to pay a non-refundable and non-transferable Nonimmigrant Visa (MRV) application fee. Fees can be paid using the website above or through the automated phone system. Payment of the visa application fee is required whether or not an application results in the issuance of a U.S. visa. The current cost for non-immigrant tourist (B1/B2) is \$160 USD. For factual information about U.S. visas visit:

- U.S. Embassy Jamaica online at <https://jm.usembassy.gov/visas/>
- Our worldwide portal for visa and other travel information at www.travel.state.gov
- Follow our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/USEmbassyJamaica/> and Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/USEmbassyJA> for the latest news and where we answer general questions.

Q. I’m nervous about my upcoming visa interview. Many websites offer advice on how to get a visa. Can I trust what they say if they are not U.S. government websites?

Please remember that the sites we mentioned above are the only official sources of information about applying for U.S. visas in Jamaica. The U.S. Embassy does not endorse any third party websites.

The vast majority of people posting advice about U.S. visas online are, in fact, ordinary people sharing their views and experiences. But sometimes their stories are actually the stories that they have heard from their friends or relatives and they may be missing a key piece of the puzzle. And even when people tell true stories of their own visa experiences, it is not unusual for an applicant to misunderstand U.S. immigration law, which can be complex, or to make assumptions about his or her experience that will, in fact, not apply to another other person applying for a visa.

The consular officers at the U.S. Embassy who interview visa applicants are carefully trained. We want to facilitate entry into the United States for every legitimate traveler, and seek to provide a good customer experience for each and every applicant. The best way to prepare for your visa interview is to relax, not worry too much and be forthright with the consular officer who interviews you about your reasons for traveling to the United States.

For more information about visas, please visit our website <https://jm.usembassy.gov> Keep on top of Embassy news on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/USEmbassyJamaica and by following @USEmbassyJA on Twitter and Instagram. We also answer general visa questions on our Facebook and Twitter pages.