B1/B2 DS-160 Sample for an Indian Parent Visiting Family

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See how a fictional mother from India visiting her son in Texas answered the DS-160, including who pays for the trip, her son as her U.S. contact, and her earlier U.S. visa. Know what the form asks before you start your own.

This is a fictional example for educational purposes, not an official or pre-approved application. Your DS-160 answers must reflect your own circumstances. Do not copy the sample answers unless they are independently true for you.

Before you start: information you'll want ready

The form will ask for

- Your passport
- Your earlier U.S. visa, and the dates and length of your last U.S. trips
- Your son's U.S. address, phone, email and visa status
- Your husband's full name, date and place of birth
- Your parents' full names and dates of birth
- Where you will stay and how long you plan to visit

Helpful to have nearby

- Old passports, for earlier names, numbers and travel stamps
- Past jobs, with dates, addresses and a supervisor's name
- Your social media usernames from the last five years
- A recent photo that meets the U.S. visa photo rules

Questions applicants commonly get stuck on

How this fictional applicant answered, why, and what to check for your own form. Answer for your own situation, which may differ.

3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	No
	Please provide an explanation of your travel plans.	
	Arrival Date	March 12, 2027
	Intended length of stay in the U.S.	4
	Time period	MONTH(S)

Why Lakshmi has not booked flights yet, so she answers No and gives the date she expects to arrive and how long she plans to stay.

For your application If you have booked your trip, answer Yes and give the dates and cities. If not, give the dates you expect.

3.3	*Address where you will stay in the U.S.*	
	Address Line 1	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
	Address Line 2	APT 312
	City	AUSTIN
	State	TEXAS
	Zip Code	78704
	Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	OTHER PERSON
	Provide the following information:	
	Surnames of Person Paying for Trip	REDDY
	Given Names of Person Paying for Trip	ARJUN
	Telephone Number	5125550148
	Email Address	ARJUN.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
	Payer relationship to You	CHILD
	Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing Address?	No

Address of Person Paying	
Street Address (Line 1)	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
Street Address (Line 2) *Optional	APT 312
City	AUSTIN
State/Province	TEXAS
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	78704
Country/Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Why She will stay at her son's flat in Austin, and her son is paying, so she names him as the payer with his phone, email and address.
For your application Name whoever is actually paying for the trip, with their relationship to you. Have their contact details and address ready.

4.1	Are there other persons traveling with you?	Yes
	Are you traveling as part of a group or organization?	No

Provide the following information for each person traveling with you:

Surnames of the person traveling with you	*Given names of the person traveling with you*	*Relationship to you*
REDDY	VENKATESH	SPOUSE

Why Her husband travels with her, so she lists him as a travel companion. He fills in his own DS-160.
For your application List everyone travelling with you. Each of them, children included, needs their own DS-160.

5.1	Have you ever been in the U.S.?	Yes

Details on your visit
Provide information on your last U.S. visit:

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
September 4, 2022	3	MONTH(S)

	Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?	No
5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	Yes

Previous U.S. Visa

Date Last Visa Was Issued	March 14, 2016
Visa Number	70412958
Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	Yes
Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	No

Why She visited the U.S. about four years ago on a B1/B2 visa that has since expired, so she answers Yes to both and gives the old visa's details.
For your application Copy the dates and the visa number from your passport rather than from memory. If you have never been to the U.S., both answers are No.

9.3	Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States?	Yes

Provide the following information:

Surnames	*Given Names*	*Relationship To You*	*Relative status*
REDDY	ARJUN	CHILD	NONIMMIGRANT

Why Her son lives in Texas on an H-1B, so she answers Yes and gives his status as a nonimmigrant.
For your application Immediate relatives here are a spouse, fiancé(e), child or sibling in the U.S., not parents. Give each person's status as it is today.

1.4 Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)? — Yes

Provide the following information:

Other Surnames Used (maiden, religious, professional, aliases, etc.)	*Other Given Names Used*
RAO	LAKSHMI

Why Rao was her surname before she married, so she lists it as another name.
For your application Include a maiden name and any other name you have used. If you have only ever used one name, answer No.

11.1 Primary Occupation — HOMEMAKER

Why She is a homemaker, so there is no employer to name. Her teaching job, years ago, goes on the previous work page.
For your application Choose the occupation that is true today. Earlier jobs go on the next page.

Common questions about this example

Can my son in the U.S. pay for my trip?
Yes. The DS-160 lets you name another person as the payer and asks for their relationship to you and their contact details. Name whoever will actually pay, and be ready to explain the arrangement at your interview if asked.

Do I need a new DS-160 to renew an expired visa?
Yes. Each visa application needs its own DS-160, and a renewal is a new application. Your earlier visa goes in the previous U.S. travel section, as in this example.
Official source travel.state.gov

Should I list my son as a relative in the U.S.?
Yes. The form asks about immediate relatives in the U.S., not counting parents, and a child counts. Give his status as it is on the day you fill in the form.

Does my husband go on my form?
He is listed as your travel companion and on the spouse page, but he fills in his own DS-160.
Official source travel.state.gov

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1 Surname — REDDY

1.2 Given Names — LAKSHMI

1.3 Full Name in Native Alphabet — *Does Not Apply/Technology Not Available*

1.4 Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)? — Yes

Provide the following information:

Other Surnames Used (maiden, religious, professional, aliases, etc.)	*Other Given Names Used*
RAO	LAKSHMI

1.5 Do you have a telecode that represents your name? — No

1.6 Sex — FEMALE

1.7	Marital Status	MARRIED
1.8	Date of Birth	September 27, 1965
1.9	City of Birth	WARANGAL
1.10	State/Province of Birth	TELANGANA
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	INDIA

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	INDIA
2.2	Do you hold or have you held any nationality other than the one indicated above on nationality?	No
2.3	Are you a permanent resident of a country/region other than your country/region of origin (nationality) indicated above?	No
2.4	National Identification Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.5	U.S. Social Security Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	*Does Not Apply*

3 Purpose of Visa

3.1	*Purpose of Visit*	
	Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	TEMP. BUSINESS OR PLEASURE VISITOR (B)
	Specify Visa	TEMP. VISITOR FOR BUSINESS/PLEASURE (B1/B2)
3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	No
	Please provide an explanation of your travel plans.	
	Arrival Date	March 12, 2027
	Intended length of stay in the U.S.	4
	Time period	MONTH(S)
3.3	*Address where you will stay in the U.S.*	
	Address Line 1	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
	Address Line 2	APT 312
	City	AUSTIN
	State	TEXAS
	Zip Code	78704
	Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	OTHER PERSON
	Provide the following information:	
	Surnames of Person Paying for Trip	REDDY
	Given Names of Person Paying for Trip	ARJUN
	Telephone Number	5125550148
	Email Address	ARJUN.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
	Payer relationship to You	CHILD
	Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing Address?	No
	Address of Person Paying	
	Street Address (Line 1)	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
	Street Address (Line 2) *Optional	APT 312
	City	AUSTIN
	State/Province	TEXAS
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	78704
	Country/Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

4 Travel Companions

4.1 Are there other persons traveling with you? — Yes

Are you traveling as part of a group or organization? — No

Provide the following information for each person traveling with you:

Surnames of the person traveling with you	*Given names of the person traveling with you*	*Relationship to you*
REDDY	VENKATESH	SPOUSE

5 Previous U.S. Travel History

5.1 Have you ever been in the U.S.? — Yes

Details on your visit

Provide information on your last U.S. visit:

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
September 4, 2022	3	MONTH(S)

Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License? — No

5.2 Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa? — Yes

Previous U.S. Visa

Date Last Visa Was Issued	March 14, 2016
Visa Number	70412958
Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	Yes
Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	No

5.3 Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, or been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the port of entry? — No

5.4 Have you ever been denied travel authorization by the Department of Homeland Security through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)? — No

5.5 Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition on your behalf with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services? — No

6 Address and Phone Details

6.1 *Home Address*

Street Address (Line 1)	PLOT 42, ROAD NO 3
Street Address (Line 2)	BANJARA HILLS
City	HYDERABAD

	State/Province	TELANGANA
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500034
	Country/Region	INDIA
6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes
6.3	*Phone*	
	Primary Phone Number	919849055512
	Secondary Phone Number	914023550187
	Work Phone Number	*Does not apply*
6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No
6.5	Email Address	LAKSHMI.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	No
6.7	*Social Media*	

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
FACEBOOK	HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LAKSHMI.REDDY.HYD

6.8	Do you wish to provide information about your presence on any other websites or applications you have used within the last five years to create or share content (photos, videos, status updates, etc.)?	No

7 Passport Information

7.1	Passport/Travel Document Type	REGULAR
7.2	Passport/Travel Document Number	W7413956
7.3	Passport Book Number	*Does not apply*
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/ Travel Document	INDIA
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	HYDERABAD
	State/Province *If shown on passport	TELANGANA
	Country/Region	INDIA
	Issuance Date	January 12, 2021
	Expiration Date	January 11, 2031
7.6	Have you ever lost a passport or had one stolen?	No

8 US Contact Information

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	
	Surnames	REDDY
	Given Names	ARJUN
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	RELATIVE
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT 312

City	AUSTIN
State	TEXAS
ZIP Code (if known)	78704
Phone Number	5125550148
Email Address	ARJUN.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM

9 Family Information

9.1 *Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*

Surnames	RAO
Given Names	SRINIVASA
Date of Birth	July 8, 1938
Is your father in the U.S.?	No

9.2 *Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*

Surnames	RAO
Given Names	KAMALA
Date of Birth	November 19, 1942
Is your mother in the U.S.?	No

9.3 Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States? — Yes

Provide the following information:

Surnames	*Given Names*	*Relationship To You*	*Relative status*
REDDY	ARJUN	CHILD	NONIMMIGRANT

10 Spouse Information

10.1	Spouse's Surname (Including Maiden Name)	REDDY
10.2	Spouse's Given Name	VENKATESH
10.3	Spouse's Date of Birth	March 2, 1962
10.4	Spouse's Country/Region of Origin	INDIA
10.5	*Spouse's Place of Birth*	
	City	HYDERABAD
	Country	INDIA
10.6	Type of Address Where Spouse Lives	SAME AS HOME ADDRESS

11 Current Occupation

11.1	Primary Occupation	HOMEMAKER

12 Previous Occupation

12.1	Were you previously employed?	Yes
	Employer/Employment Information:	
	Employer Name	ST ANNS HIGH SCHOOL
	Employer Address	
	Employer Street Address (Line 1)	ST ANNS ROAD
	Employer Street Address (Line 2)	TARNAKA
	City/Town	SECUNDERABAD
	State/Province	TELANGANA
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500017
	Country	INDIA
	Employer Telephone Number	914027550133
	Job Title	MATHEMATICS TEACHER
	Supervisor's Surname	DSOUZA
	Supervisor's Given Names	MARY
	Employment Date From	June 10, 1988
	Employment Date To	April 30, 1994

	Briefly describe your duties	TAUGHT MATHEMATICS TO CLASSES 6 TO 10 AND PREPARED STUDENTS FOR THE STATE BOARD EXAMINATIONS
12.2	Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?	Yes
	Provide the following information on the educational institution(s) you have attended.	
	Name of Institution	OSMANIA UNIVERSITY
	Address	
	Street Address (Line 1)	OSMANIA UNIVERSITY MAIN ROAD
	Street Address (Line 2)	AMBERPET
	City	HYDERABAD
	State/Province	TELANGANA
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500007
	Country	INDIA
	Course of Study	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS
	Date of Attendance From	July 1, 1983
	Date of Attendance To	April 30, 1986

13 Additional Occupation Details

13.1	Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	No
13.2	*Provide a List of Languages You Speak*	

Language Name
TELUGU
HINDI
ENGLISH

13.3	Have you traveled to any countries/ regions within the last five years?	Yes
	Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited	

Country/Region
SINGAPORE

13.4	Have you belonged to, contributed to, or worked for any professional, social, or charitable organization?	No
13.5	Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?	No
13.6	Have you ever served in the military?	No
13.7	Have you ever served in, been a member of, or been involved with a paramilitary unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, or insurgent organization?	No

14 Security Background - Part 1

14.1	Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance? (Communicable diseases of public significance include chancroid, gonorrhea, granuloma inguinale, infectious leprosy, lymphogranuloma venereum, infectious stage syphilis, active tuberculosis, and other diseases as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.)	No
14.2	Do you have a mental or physical disorder that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the safety or welfare of yourself or others?	No
14.3	Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?	No

15 Security Background - Part 2

15.1	Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action?	No
15.2	Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances?	No
15.3	Are you coming to the United States to engage in prostitution or unlawful commercialized vice or have you been engaged in prostitution or procuring prostitutes within the past 10 years?	No
15.4	Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?	No
15.5	Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
15.6	Have you ever knowingly aided, abetted, assisted or colluded with an individual who has committed, or conspired to commit a severe human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
15.7	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States and have you within the last five years, knowingly benefited from the trafficking activities?	No

16 Security Background - Part 3

16.1	Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?	No
16.2	Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?	No
16.3	Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?	No
16.4	Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?	No
16.5	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has engaged in terrorist activity, including providing financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations, in the last five years?	No
16.6	Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?	No
16.7	Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?	No
16.8	Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?	No
16.9	Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or the use of child soldiers?	No
16.10	Have you, while serving as a government official, been responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom?	No
16.11	Have you ever been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of population controls forcing a woman to undergo an abortion against her free choice or a man or a woman to undergo sterilization against his or her free will?	No
16.12	Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?	No

17 Security Background - Part 4

17.1	Have you ever been the subject of a removal or deportation hearing?	No

17.2	Have you ever sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the United States, or any other United States immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means?	No
17.3	Have you failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility within the last five years?	No
17.4	Have you ever been unlawfully present, overstayed the amount of time granted by an immigration official or otherwise violated the terms of a U.S. visa?	No
17.5	Have you ever been removed or deported from any country?	No

18 Security Background - Part 5

18.1	Have you ever withheld custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a person granted legal custody by a U.S. court?	No
18.2	Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?	No
18.3	Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purposes of avoiding taxation?	No
18.4	Are you a former exchange visitor (J) who has not yet fulfilled the two-year foreign residence requirement?	No
18.5	Have you attended a public elementary school on student (F) status or a public secondary school after November 30, 1996 without reimbursing the school?	No

19 Preparer of Application

19.1	Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?	No

Ready to fill in your own?

Answer the questions in plain language and save as you go. DS160.io then fills in your DS-160 on the official site for you. Filing is free for individuals.

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www.ds160.io/individuals

Preparing DS-160s for clients? See DS160.io for immigration firms
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