

2026 International Travel & VISA Information

AEJMC 109th Annual Conference | New Orleans, Louisiana | August 5–8, 2026

Conference Hotel: New Orleans Marriott

International attendees may need a VISA (or ESTA authorization) to enter the United States. AEJMC can provide an **Attendance (VISA) Letter** to support your visa application. Please review the information below and begin early, as interview appointment availability and processing times vary by country and season.

Step 1: Confirm What You Need to Enter the United States

Most conference attendees travel under a **visitor visa (often B-1/B-2)** or, if eligible, the **Visa Waiver Program (ESTA)**.

Official U.S. Government Resources

- Visitor Visa (B-1/B-2) overview (U.S. Department of State):
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html> (Travel State)
- Tourism & Visit (visa types explained): <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit.html> (Travel State)
- Visa Reciprocity & country-specific information: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/Visa-Reciprocity-and-Civil-Documents-by-Country.html> (Travel State)

Step 2: Apply for a U.S. Visitor Visa (If Required)

The U.S. Department of State provides the official steps for applying for a nonimmigrant visitor visa, including completing the DS-160 and scheduling an interview.

Key Links

- DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (overview):
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html> (Travel State)
- DS-160 application portal (CEAC): <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> (CEAC)
- Visa fees (U.S. Department of State):
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/fees/fees-visa-services.html> (Travel State)
- Visa appointment wait times by embassy/consulate:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html> (Travel State)
- U.S. Embassy/Consulate locator: <https://www.usembassy.gov/>
- U.S. visa application/appointment information by country (official site used by many posts):
<https://www.usatraveldocs.com/> (USTRavelDocs)
- U.S. government overview (plain-language guide): <https://www.usa.gov/tourist-visa> (USA Gov)

Step 3: Request an AEJMC Attendance (VISA) Letter

AEJMC provides an **Attendance (VISA) Letter** confirming your conference registration and the conference details. This letter is intended for use in your visa application and/or interview.

How to request the letter

- Request your letter through the [AEJMC conference registration site](#) by selecting “Attendance (VISA) Letter Request.”

- If the request link is not yet available, please check back after registration opens or contact the AEJMC office for assistance.

Information you should have ready (must match your passport):

- Full Name (as shown in passport)
- Passport Number
- Date of Birth
- Country of Citizenship
- Affiliation (institution/organization)

Conference website: <https://www.aejmc.org/aejmc-events/conference>

Step 4: Prepare Your Supporting Documents

Requirements vary by embassy/consulate. Applicants are commonly asked to bring:

- Passport and DS-160 confirmation page
- Visa appointment confirmation
- AEJMC Attendance (VISA) Letter
- Proof of funding (personal, institutional, or sponsor support)
- Evidence of ties to your home country (employment/enrollment verification, leave approval, etc.)
- Conference details and travel itinerary (if available)

Important Note and Disclaimer

AEJMC is pleased to provide an Attendance (VISA) Letter; however, **visa issuance is determined solely by the U.S. Department of State and U.S. immigration authorities.**

AEJMC cannot guarantee visa approval, cannot influence the outcome of a visa application, and cannot intervene with embassies/consulates or immigration officials.