



SCHENGEN VISA – minors under 18

In addition to the required documents for the different types of visa (business, visit, tourist), **every** minor applicant (0-18 years of age) has to fill out an individual application.

- The application must be signed by both parents unless one parent has the sole custody or a residence order for the minor. In this case please provide a proof of the sole custody (e.g. birth certificate of child, adoption papers, court decision on custody).
- The minor applicant needs to provide a birth certificate (with English translation, if applicable).
- Both parents (unless one parent has sole custody or a residence order for the minor) need to provide their original passports plus one copy.
- In cases where either one or both legal guardians are not able to accompany the applicant to the visa appointment, please additionally provide the following documents:
 - Signed and notarized letter of travel consent issued by parents/guardians.
 - Notarized copies of the parents' passports
 - Applicants who are not holding their own bank account in the United States and are being sponsored by their parents abroad need to submit a notarized letter of financial support signed by both parents as well as their parents' bank statements for the last three months listing the equivalent amount on the account in USD.

Please note:

- In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional information
- For further, more specific questions that are not answered by this information, please contact via e-mail the German Mission/ Consulate in which consular district you reside.
- This information is intended to provide a point of reference for our clients. Though we have attempted to give as thorough and accurate information as possible, its applicability may vary according to each individual's need, and therefore we cannot assume responsibility for its contents.
- Please ensure that your application documents are complete. Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.