

Suggested Evidence of Bona Fide Marriage (* = especially significant evidence)

1. Photographs that show both spouses together and with family and friends. These can be taken at the wedding, at other functions or events, and throughout the relationship. Should be annotated re date and occasion.
2. Copies of joint income tax returns.
3. Evidence of joint checking or savings accounts.
4. Driver's license or photo I.D. cards of both spouses with a new card for the wife showing her married name, and common marital residence address for both parties.
5. Credit cards, check cashing cards, employment I.D. cards, video club, health club memberships, etc. held jointly by both parties.
6. Real property deeds, mortgages, loans, showing joint tenancy in residence or other property bought together.
7. Apartment lease, or a letter from the landlord indicating dates that both spouses lived at the apartment, or copies of rent receipts showing both parties' names.
8. Document from an employer showing a change in records to reflect spouse's new marital status.
9. Document from an employer showing designation of the spouse as the person to be notified in event of accident, sickness, or other emergency.
10. Evidence of wills and life insurance policies where the spouse is named as beneficiary.
11. Evidence of medical or health insurance plans which name the spouse as a member of beneficiary.
12. Evidence of correspondence between the parties, including letters, birthday and holiday cards, telephone calls, and other correspondence addressed to the parties together as a couple.
13. Religious marriage certificate if there was a church wedding; invitations; reception arrangements.
14. Copies of gas, electric, telephone and other utility bills showing both names and marital residence.
15. Evidence of joint ownership of automobile.
16. Birth certificates of children born of the relationship.
17. Evidence of vacations taken together, including airline tickets, itineraries, and hotel bills.
18. Evidence of other major purchases made together, such as a stereo, television, refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.; loans, credit card and other charge accounts in both names.
19. Support letters signed by relatives and friends regarding marriage for love rather than merely for immigration benefits.