

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

Consular Section

1600 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Washington, D.C.

Tel: (202) 467-9300 Fax: (202) 467-9417

REQUIREMENTS IF MARRIAGE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PHILIPPINES

- [1] File your **application for a Philippine visa** at Philippine Diplomatic post that holds jurisdiction over your area of residence (refer to www.philippineembassy-usa.org). Include **one (1) passport size picture** and a **valid passport** with your completed application.
- [2] **Birth certificate** and **baptismal certificate** (for a Catholic Church wedding)
- [3] **Parental Consent to Marry** (for minors only).
- [4] A **Form of Certificate of Legal Capacity to Marry** must be secured at the Embassy of the United States in Manila, Philippines.
- [5] There is a waiting period of two (2) weeks upon filing the application for a marriage license.
- [6] If you intend to proceed to the United States after the marriage, the Filipino spouse must apply for a Philippine passport and secure a U.S. visa with the Embassy of the United States in Manila, Philippines.

REQUIREMENTS IF MARRIAGE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES

- [1] File a **petition for a fiancé/fiancée visa** with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service in your locality, sponsoring the travel of your fiancé/fiancée to the United States.
- [2] Upon receipt of the approved petition, mail a copy to your fiancé/fiancée in the Philippines.
- [3] Based on the approved petition, your fiancé/fiancée may apply for his/her **Philippine passport** at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Philippines.
- [4] After being issued a passport, your fiancé/fiancée must secure a **U.S. visa** at the Embassy of the United States in Manila, Philippines.
- [5] When the passport and visa are ready, your fiancé/fiancée may then buy his/her plane ticket and arrange for booking to the United States.

NOTE: PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES BY ALIENS UNDER ALL VISA CATEGORIES IS DECIDED UPON SOLELY BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD AND THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICES IN ALL STATES.

KINDLY ADDRESS ALL U.S. VISA INQUIRIES TO THE APPROPRIATE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICE.