



## **VISA PROCESS**

Puerto Rico is a commonwealth of the United States. U.S. citizens do not need a passport or visa to enter our Island. For non-U.S. citizens, entry requirements are the same as for the U.S. mainland.

The Puerto Rico Convention Bureau serves as facilitators of the corresponding information for the expedition of visas.

In general, the required documents to solicit a visa in the U.S. embassy are the following:

1. Formal invitation to the event from the host organization with the following information:
  - Specific information about the event (description, past history, etc.)
  - Dates
  - Purpose of the event
  - Meeting agenda
  - The invitation must be an original, printed on the host organization's letterhead
2. Proof of economic stability
  - Evidence of housing (evidence of rent or mortgage payment, etc.)
  - Good credit standing (proof of payment for day to day bills such as: rent, water, loans, etc.)
3. Endorsement letters
  - Proof of employment and employer's consent for employee to attend the event
  - Document that shows that the employee belongs to a social committee or association or a document that demonstrates some kind of social involvement in the solicitant's respective country

We have experienced that following the above guidelines facilitates the expedition of the visa process. We recommend that you initiate the process no later than 90 days prior to the event.

***For additional information please access [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)***