

Finland family and friends visit visa — document checklist

Source: Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (um.fi) and finlandvisa.fi, checked 6 September 2026. The list for your own country is at finlandvisa.fi.

1. Documents every application needs

- ☐ The application form completed and signed at finlandvisa.fi.
- ☐ Your appointment booking. The application is submitted in person and biometrics are taken at the same appointment.
- ☐ A passport valid for at least 3 months after the end of the trip, issued less than ten years ago, with at least two blank pages.
- ☐ A colour passport photograph meeting the Schengen standard, from which you are recognisable.
- ☐ Travel insurance covering the whole Schengen area, minimum EUR 30,000, in force for the validity of the visa. It must cover sudden illness, accident, repatriation of the patient and repatriation in case of death.
- ☐ An outward and return travel document or booking.
- ☐ Proof of accommodation: a hotel booking or an invitation from the person you will stay with.
- ☐ Proof of means: at least EUR 50 per person per day. A bank statement for the recent months.
- ☐ Proof that the application fee has been paid. The fee is not refunded if you are refused.
- ☐ Parental consent for minors.
- ☐ A photocopy of every document.

2. Additional documents the visitor prepares

- ☐ A free-form invitation letter from the host: the host's contact details; your name, date of birth, address and passport number; the purpose and length of the visit.
- ☐ The invitation should say plainly whether the host is your relative, your spouse or a friend.
- ☐ Evidence of the family tie: a birth certificate, a marriage certificate or a population record.
- ☐ If there is no family tie, evidence of previous meetings: passport stamps, old tickets, photographs.
- ☐ Documentation of your own financial situation. This is required even when the host pays for the trip.
- ☐ Evidence of your tie to your own country: an employer's letter and approved leave, a student certificate or a pension document.
- ☐ If you are staying in the host's home, the host's housing document instead of a hotel booking.

3. If the host pays: attachments to the proof of sponsorship form

- ☐ The proof of sponsorship form, signed before a notary public who authenticates the signature. This form is attached instead of the invitation letter.
- ☐ A copy of the inviting party's identity card; if they are not a Finnish citizen, a copy of their residence permit.
- ☐ A copy of the inviting party's employment contract.
- ☐ The inviting party's payslips for the last three months.
- ☐ The inviting party's bank statements for the last three months.
- ☐ A document of the right of possession of the dwelling: a lease, a deed of sale or a register of occupants.
- ☐ Evidence of the family relationship; if there is none, details of previous meetings.

Final checks

- ☐ I have checked on the um.fi list whether my nationality needs a visa.
- ☐ I have counted my days in the Schengen area over the last 180; this trip does not take me past 90.
- ☐ My application date is no more than six months before the trip starts. Processing takes 15 days.
- ☐ The purpose I wrote on the form is the same purpose my documents describe.
- ☐ The booking dates, the itinerary and the ticket dates agree with one another.

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- ☐ There is no unexplained lump sum paid into my account just before the application.
- ☐ I have put copies of the documents in my hand luggage to show at the border.