

## Common Forms of Humanitarian-based Immigration Relief for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)	Asylum	U Visa	T Visa	VAWA
Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unmarried and under age 21</li> <li>- Declared dependent on a state “juvenile” court <u>or</u> legally committed to or placed under the <u>custody</u> of an agency or department of State, or <u>an individual</u> or entity appointed by a State court</li> <li>- Judicial determination that reunification with <b>one or both parents</b> not viable due to abuse, abandonment, neglect, or a similar basis found under state law</li> <li>- Judicial determination that it would not be in the child’s best interest to be returned to their country of origin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Past persecution and/or a well-founded fear of future persecution</li> <li>- Nexus (“on account of”)</li> <li>- Protected ground (Race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion)</li> <li>- Failure of state to protect</li> <li>* Special procedures for unaccompanied children seeking asylum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of certain criminal activity;</li> <li>- Must possess information concerning the criminal activity;</li> <li>- Must have been helpful, currently being helpful, or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal activity;</li> <li>- Must obtain certification from federal, state, or local law enforcement authority regarding helpfulness; and</li> <li>- The criminal activity must have occurred in the U.S.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is or has been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in person (sex trafficking or labor trafficking through the use of force, fraud, or coercion);</li> <li>- Is physically present in the U.S. on account of trafficking;</li> <li>- Has complied with any reasonable request for assistance from law enforcement agencies; and</li> <li>- Would suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm upon removal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spouse/child of a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident or parent of adult U.S. citizen;</li> <li>- Subject to battery or extreme cruelty;</li> <li>- Lived with the abuser;</li> <li>- If based on marriage, must show “good faith” marriage; and</li> <li>- Must show good moral character</li> </ul>

Assess eligibility criteria & obtain evidence

Apply for protective status

Apply for Lawful Permanent Residence (green card)