



Applies for refugee status outside the United States.

Enters U.S. on valid visa (ex, student, tourist, work visa) and requests asylum within one year of arrival.

Arrives at point of entry (border checkpoint, port, airport) and requests asylum **OR** enters country without inspection (not at official border checkpoint, port or airport), surrenders to Border Patrol or other official, and requests asylum.

Located within U.S. without legal status – ex. overstayed visa, entered without inspection, or apprehended while attempting to enter the U.S. without proper documentation. Individual now faces deportation and files asylum claim.

The infographic illustrates the asylum process in the United States, starting from a person's arrival and ending with either resettlement or deportation.

**Top Section:**

- Arrival:** A group of people is shown. Text: "If accepted, non-profit agency assists with resettlement."
- Statue of Liberty:** A large silhouette of the Statue of Liberty is on the right.

**Middle Section:**

- Application:** A person is shown sitting at a desk. Text: "Complete asylum application and interview with US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)."
- Decision:** A purple arrow labeled "Asylum **granted**" points to the Statue of Liberty. Text: "May be referred to immigration judge. If **denied**, must leave country when visa or other other form of status expires."

**Bottom Section (Green Box):**

- Left Side:**
  - Text: "Fear of persecution claim. Individual usually held in immigration detention until screening interview with Asylum Officer."
  - Icon: Two people sitting at a desk.
  - Text: "Credible Fear interview"
  - Text: "Immigration detention"
  - Text: "Asylum Officer may refer case to Immigration Court"
  - Text: "Asylum **granted**" (with an upward arrow)
  - Text: "May be released from detention on parole."
  - Text: "Denied: May be deported"
- Right Side:**
  - Text: "Hearing before immigration judge on asylum claim. Current backlog of 800,000+ cases."
  - Icon: A gavel and books.
  - Text: "Asylum **granted**" (with an upward arrow)
  - Text: "Denied: May appeal decision to Board of Immig. Appeals (may remain in detention)."
  - Text: "Denied: Denied: (if no appeal)"

**Bottom Section (Orange Arrow):**

- Text: "Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) action. Case referred to immigration judge."

**Footnote:**

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