

January 16, 2008

Dear International Students and Scholars,

Although it may seem real, the e-mail message below is a scam. The U.S. Department of State banner gives the impression that this is an official message announcing that the recipient has won the Diversity 2008 Lottery. However, it is simply a scam to separate you from your money. (As you will notice, the scammer is asking for \$1,449.67 to increase your chances of getting the visa to immigrate to the U.S.)

DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS MESSAGE. DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY.

Sincerely,
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From: U.S. Department of State [mailto: (DELETED)]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 12:43 PM
Subject: AMERICAN DV2008 VISA LOTTERY PROGRAM WINNER:CASE NUMBER 2008AES 00023472.



U.S. Department of State
Date: November 30th, 2007
Bureau of Consular Affairs
Kentucky Consular Center(KCC)
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Case Number: 2008AES00023472
PA Name: DV2008 Winner
Preference Category: DV DIVERSITY
Foreign State Chargeability: DV ELIGIBLE

AMERICAN DV2008 VISA LOTTERY PROGRAM WINNER:
CASE NUMBER 2008AES 00023472

Dear Winner,

Congratulations! You are among those randomly selected and registered for further consideration in the DV-2008 diversity immigrant program for fiscal year 2008. Selection does not guarantee that you will receive a visa because the number of applicants selected is greater than the number of visas available. It is thus imperative that you see to the prompt processing of your file.

This success notification letter on your success in DV2008 as you applied has been sent to you via e-mail owing to failed attempts at getting your response after the normal letter by post was sent. We are assuming that the letter has been lost en transit hence this as the last resort.

There are 55,000 diversity visas available under the FISCAL YEAR 2008 DIVERSITY VISA PROGRAM. Therefore, it is most important that you carefully follow these instructions to increase your chances of possible visa issuance.

Please read and follow all the enclosed instructions very carefully, ALL CORRESPONDENCE must be sent to your PROCESSING CORRESPONDENT Mr. Brown Marsh of the Kentucky Consular Center at this address: (DELETED)

In this respect, you are required to forward the following information to your Processing Correspondent:

1. Your present contact address (Re-confirm this for record purposes).

2. Your recent passport photograph(And those of the other members of your family.The passport photograph must be taken within the last six months,and must be 35mmsq or 2 inches by 2 inches.Your Processing Correspondent will explain more to you on the passport photograph specifications).

3. Telephone Number.

4. Regular E-mail Address.

Visa interview acceptance/clearance fees is \$1,449.67.The payment of this fees is only through MONEY GRAM.

You are to further contact the Clearance Officer Mr. Hutton Clements through his e-mail: (DELETED) for general clearance requirements and the information you will use in sending the fees.

Please be advised that if all of the above listed documents are provided in time,we will then process your file,and then you would be qualified to be issued your Green Card.You will only be contacted by us when processing is completed. Please do not call us to check when your case will be scheduled.

Make sure that you refer to your Case Number whenever you are writing us.

Make sure that you have been issued with your Visa Lottery Acknowledgment Card before contacting our Embassy for proper identification.

Note:

If you do not meet one of these requirements, you are not eligible to be issued a diversity visa. Only you, as the principal applicant, must meet this requirement.Note also that this country's Code of Conduct and Constitution Vol176/866:Act 690SN guiding all immigration,and Green Card permit Agencies, dictates that 10 days after the dispatch of this e-mail,that all such notified winners who fail to comply to the provisions herein contained,shall lose the opportunity.

Congratulations once more.

**Condoleezza Rice,
Bureau of Consular Affairs,
U.S. Department of State Secretary.**

**Reginald Calwell,
Diversity Visa Lottery Coordinator,
Bureau of Consular Affairs,
U.S. Department of State.**