



Summary

Winning the Electronic Diversity Visa Lottery is a one in a lifetime opportunity that can change your life. In this podcast, you are going to listen about basic information that can help you to understand this program. Also, I am going to share my experience with you.

Transcription.

Hi guys! My name is Romina, I am from Venezuela and in this podcast I am going to talk about Electronic Diversity Visa Lottery.. I would like to talk about what Electronic Diversity Visa Lottery is, how is the process, and those stuff. To make everything easier I will say DV to refer to the Diversity Visa.

Let's start!

What is DV lottery? It is all about the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program, where The United States offers 50,000 immigrant visas annually from random selection among all entries to individuals who are from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

How can someone take part of this? It is easier. If you are from one participating country, you need to go to its web page which is <https://dvlottery.state.gov/>. You only need your passport and those of your family members, one photo with specific characteristics for each family member, and that's it. It is important to know that if you

are the head of your family, in your application, you can include your children younger than 21 years old and, of course, your wife or husband. Another important thing, the registration is free, you don't need to pay anything.

When does this start? The registration period usually begins in October and finishes in November. For example, last year the registration period was between October 3, 2018 and November 6, 2018. After that, you need to wait until May to know if you won or not.

If you won, say hi to your new life. In this moment the process will be more complicated because you need to collect different documents such as your diploma, marriage and birth certificate, and others. As well as to complete [Form DS-260](#). This is very important but DON'T WORRIED ABOUT IT! You can do it! Also, if you need more information about what documents you need, go to <https://travel.state.gov>

I think that is the more relevant information about this program, that can help you if you want to participate.

But why am i talking about this program? That is because my family won it! That was a big change for us. Maybe it was not too much for me, because I am older that 21 years old so I didn't get it with them. But it was a big change for my parents and my little sister. How did this start? In 2017, I knew about this program for the first time in my life and... okey I am from Venezuela so maybe you know how is to live in. So I decided to register me and my family members. In May, 2018, my father won it. I can tell you he cried at that moment. For them the situation was complicated because they needed to go to Colombia for the interview, that is because 1 month before the interview the Embassy in Venezuela was closed. But right now, they are living in Miami since August. It is too early to know how will be their life but what I know is that their life change and they can start their new life with all the rights and duties that represent to be permanent residents in the USA.

And that's it. I hope you have enjoyed it. Thank you for listening.