

EB-1A Extraordinary Ability – Required Documents

In order to demonstrate you have sustained national or international acclaim and that your achievements have been recognized in your field of expertise, you must either include evidence of a one-time achievement (major internationally recognized award) or **3 of the 10 listed criteria below** (or comparable evidence if any of the criteria do not readily apply).

Please review this complete guide and **select the 3 criteria below** for which you can provide the most compelling evidence.

- [Evidence of receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence](#)
- [Evidence of your membership in associations in the field which demand outstanding achievement of their members](#)
- [Evidence of published material about you in professional or major trade publications or other major media](#)
- [Evidence that you have been asked to judge the work of others, either individually or on a panel](#)
- [Evidence of your original scientific, scholarly, artistic, athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance to the field](#)
- [Evidence of your authorship of scholarly articles in professional or major trade publications or other major media](#)
- [Evidence that your work has been displayed at artistic exhibitions or showcases](#)
- [Evidence of your performance of a leading or critical role in distinguished organizations](#)
- [Evidence that you command a high salary or other significantly high remuneration in relation to others in the field](#)
- [Evidence of your commercial successes in the performing arts](#)

Evidence of receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence

If you select this category, you will be required to provide documentation of the receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

A copy or photograph of each prize or award certificate

A copy of the public announcement regarding the awarding of the prizes or awards issued by the granting organization

The criteria used to grant the prizes or awards; (A letter from the award committee stating the criteria for receiving the award, as well as how many applicants competed for it.)

The significance of the prizes or awards, to include the national or international recognition that the prizes or awards share; (Proof of the judging criteria. Evidence of media coverage to prove the degree of national or international prestige attached to the given award.)

The reputation of the organization or panel granting the prizes or awards

Who is considered for the prizes or awards, including the geographic scope for which candidates may apply;

How many prizes or awards are awarded each year; and,

Previous winners of the award.

Reports by major media sources about the foreign national award recipient in their country of origin

Evidence of your membership in associations in the field which demand outstanding achievement of their members

If you select this category, you will be required to provide documentation of membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought, which require outstanding achievements of their members, as judged by recognized national or international experts in their disciplines or fields.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

Evidence that the association's membership is exclusive, that membership is limited solely to those who have been judged by their peers as having attained outstanding achievements in the field for which classification is sought.

The section of the association's constitution or bylaws which discuss the criteria for membership for the beneficiary's level of membership in the association.

The section of the association's constitution or bylaws which discuss the qualifications required of the reviewers on the review panel of the association.

Documentation to establish that the individuals who review prospective members' applications are recognized as national or international experts in their disciplines or fields.

Documentary evidence which describes the association's goals, mission, or target membership.

The link to the association membership website showing the criteria for membership.

Evidence of published material about you in professional or major trade publications or other major media

If you select this category, you will be required to provide published material about you in professional or other major trade publications or major media.

The materials must relate to your work in the field for which EB-1A classification is sought.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

The title, date, and author of the published material;

The circulation (online and/or in print);

The intended audience of the publication.

Published material that relates to the beneficiary and the beneficiary's work in the field.

Documentary evidence that the submitted published material was primarily about the beneficiary and the beneficiary's work in the field.

Links (urls) to the published material in major trade publications / major media.

Evidence that you have been asked to judge the work of others, either individually or on a panel

If you select this category you will need to provide evidence of your participation, either individually or on a panel, as a judge of the work of others in the same or an allied field of specialization for which classification is sought.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

Evidence that establishes that you actually participated in the judging of the work of others for which they were invited.

Evidence of your authorship of scholarly articles in professional or major trade publications or other major media

If you select this category, you will be required to provide evidence of your authorship of scholarly articles in the field, in professional or major trade publications or other major media.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

Objective documentary evidence of the significance of your contribution to the field.

Documentary evidence that people throughout the field currently consider your work important.

Testimony and/or support letters from experts which discuss your contributions of major significance.

Evidence that your major significant contribution(s) has provoked widespread public commentary in the field or has been widely cited.

Contracts with companies using your products; or Licensed technology being used by others

Patents currently being utilized and shown to be significant to the field.

Website links proving your original scientific, scholarly, artistic, athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance in your field.

Evidence that your work has been displayed at artistic exhibitions or showcases

If you select this category, you will be required to provide evidence of your work in the field at artistic exhibitions or showcases.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

Evidence that the work was primarily created by you.

Materials created for the purpose of promoting your artistic work.

Sales records listing you as the creator of the sold works.

Evidence that the venue (virtual or otherwise) where your work was displayed were artistic exhibitions or showcases.

Materials created to promote and publicize the artistic exhibitions or showcases.

Website links showing your work in the field at artistic exhibitions or showcases.

Evidence of your performance of a leading or critical role in distinguished organizations

If you select this category, you will be required to provide evidence that you have commanded a high salary or other significantly high remuneration for services, in relation to others in your field.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

Evidence to demonstrate the distinguished reputation of the organizations or establishments for which the beneficiary performed in leading or critical roles. The evidence should document the organizations or establishments eminence, distinction, or excellence.

Documentary evidence to demonstrate how the beneficiary's role was/is leading or critical for the organizations or establishments.

Letters from individuals with personal knowledge of the significance of your leading or critical role.

Website links showing that you have performed in a leading or critical role for organizations or establishments that have a distinguished reputation

Evidence that you command a high salary or other significantly high remuneration in relation to others in the field

If you select this category, you will be required to provide evidence that you have commanded a high salary or other significantly high remuneration for services, in relation to others in your field.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

Salary/remuneration receipts in the form of official government tax returns (i.e. Form W-2s, Form 1099s, or the foreign equivalent).

Proof that your salary is well-above the 90th percentile of comparable wage data

Geographical or position-appropriate compensation surveys and organizational justifications to pay above the compensation data.

Media reports of notably high salaries earned by others in the beneficiary's field.

List compiled by credible professional organization(s) of the top earners in a field.

Website links showing that you have commanded a high salary or other significantly high remuneration for services, in relation to others in your field.

Evidence of your commercial successes in the performing arts

If you select this category, you will be required to provide evidence that you have achieved commercial successes in the performing arts, as shown by box office receipts or record, cassette, compact disc, or video sales.

Please select all of the following items that you are able to produce:

- Box office receipts to show success in the performing arts
- Sales receipts for audio or video recordings to show success in the performing arts.
- Website links showing that you have achieved commercial successes in the performing arts, as shown by box office receipts or record, cassette, compact disc, or video sales.