Declaration Letter Questionnaire

LGBTQ+ Association Far

How to use

When you apply for international protection abroad, the local authorities will evaluate your eligibility for protection and which type of protection applies to you. You will have the opportunity to state all the reasons why you left your home country. It is important that you inform the authorities assessing your claim truthfully about every reason for your departure. Any information you share with the local authorities will stay confidential. This information will never be shared with the people or government against whom you are seeking protection.

This questionnaire is designed to help you identify elements of your story which are vital for an asylum claim: you must show a well-founded fear of persecution, torture, or inhumane treatment if you return home. It also serves as a framework to draft a clear personal statement if you are leaving your country to apply for international protection abroad.

You can fill in your written responses below. If you would like help writing your personal statement, reach out to us. We can set up a time to work on it with you.

Please note that many countries still consider the U.S. to be a “safe country of origin.” This status can impact your chances of acceptance. Because of this, this questionnaire works alongside the broader documentation in this guide. Please note that these tools do not constitute legal advice.

Thank you for your trust. We deeply hope this guide helps your quest for safety be as successful as possible.

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Your Responses

Write directly on the lines below each question, or use this as an outline for a separate document. More detail is generally better, as long as it stays accurate and relevant.

1. Full name (as listed on Birth Certificate, Driver's License, or other valid form of Identification)

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1a. Have you changed your name and/or gender on any of these documents?

Document type	Name Changed	Gender Changed	When the changes were made	Need to Aquire/ Other Info
Drivers Liscence	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Passport	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Birth Certificate	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Other Documents	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No		

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2. Date of Birth (as marked on valid Identification form):

3. Place of Birth:

4. Country(ies) in which you currently have citizenship status:

5. Which country are you currently residing in?

6. If you have already departed your home country or last place of residence, and are completing this questionnaire from abroad, please describe any issues you encountered with authorities during your departure, whether related to your identity, travel documents, or otherwise:

7. Which country(ies) are you considering seeking asylum in?

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8. List any educational diplomas, degrees, certifications, or trade training:

9. List all parties (if any) that you plan to seek asylum in the company of, i.e., spouses, children, partners, siblings, parents, etc.

10. Describe the community or demographic you are a member of that you feel puts your safety or life at risk (e.g. Mexican first generation immigrant, trans, former or current activist).

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11. Describe any and all interactions in which you have suffered abuse, harassment, assault, intimidation, or discrimination (such as being denied medical care because of your gender identity, etc.) as a result of being part of the community or demographic listed above.

12. Describe the resources, assistance, or protection you have sought to ease or eliminate the issues/ problems described above. This can include reaching out to family, law enforcement, attorneys, shelters, support groups, etc., and whether or not any assistance was given.

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13. Describe how those resources provided aid, or, if no assistance was given, why those attempts were unsuccessful.

14. Describe any siginificant issues you have experienced under the current federal administration due to your identity.

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15. What do you fear may happen to you if you go back to your country of origin/the US? Why do you believe this?

16. Why do you believe you can not safely relocate within the US?

Thank you for trusting us with this. We hope this questionnaire helps your quest for a safer life be as successful as possible.

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