The Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) allows citizens from Visa Waiver Program countries to travel to the United States without a visa.

1. Go to [esta.cbp.dhs.gov](http://esta.cbp.dhs.gov) to complete the official application for visa waiver travel to the United States. U.S. Customs and Border Protection recommends that you apply for an ESTA authorization at the time you book your travel, but no less than 72 hours prior to boarding. Avoid fake websites that could cheat you by checking the address carefully.

2. Enter your biographical data (name, date of birth, employer name, etc.), information of the passport you will travel on, and your travel plans. It is important to provide accurate information on your application. Mistakes could result in a denial of ESTA authorization or denial of boarding.

3. Check your application for errors before submitting. You will not be able to modify your application, except to update travel plans, after this point.

4. Pay the $14 processing fee via credit card or PayPal. Your application will not be submitted until the fee is paid.

5. Wait for your ESTA approval notification (If your ESTA application is not approved you can apply for a visa to travel to the United States. Go to [ceac.state.gov](http://ceac.state.gov) to apply).

6. Travel to the United States with the passport you used to apply for ESTA. Please note that ESTA is permission to travel to the United States. Customs and Border Protection will determine eligibility to enter upon your arrival.