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Getting a green card without going through labor certification

in the sciences, arts, education, business or athletics, outstanding professors and researchers, and certain multinational executives and managers

To qualify for EB-1, the beneficiary must meet the criteria prescribed for each classification. Aliens with extraordinary ability are defined by the USCIS as those with "extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics which has been demonstrated by sustained national or international acclaim and whose achievements have been recognized in the field through extensive documentation." Extraordinary ability may be evidenced by the beneficiary's receipt of a major internationally recognized award, such as a Nobel Prize, or by at least three of the following:

1. Receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes

2. Membership in association in the field for which classification is sought, which requires outstanding achievement of their members, as judged by recognized national or international experts;
3. Published material about the person in professional or major trade publications or other major media;
4. Participation as a judge of the work of others;
5. Evidence of original scientific, scholastic, artistic, athletic or business-related contributions of major significance;
6. Authorship of scholarly articles in the field;
7. Artistic exhibitions or showcases;
8. Performance in a leading or cultural role for organizations or establishments that have a distinguished reputation;

9. High salary or remuneration in relation to others in the field; or
 10. Commercial success in the performing arts.
- For outstanding professors and researchers, it must be shown that the alien is recognized internationally for his outstanding academic achievements in a particular field, has at least three years experience in teaching or research in that academic area, and is entering the US in a tenure track or permanent teaching or comparable research position with the petitioning employer. Evidence of outstanding academic achievements must include at least two of the following:
1. Receipt of major prizes or awards for outstanding achievements;
 2. Membership in an association which requires outstanding

3. Published material in professional publications written by others about the applicant's work;
 4. Evidence of the person's participation as a judge of the work of others;
 5. Evidence of original scientific research; or
 6. Authorship of scholarly books or articles in the field.
- A multinational manager or executive is eligible for EB-1 category if he has been employed outside the US for at least one year in the last three years preceding the petition by a firm or corporation and is entering the US to continue service to that firm or organization. The petitioner must be a US employer, doing business for at least one year, and is an affiliate, a subsidiary, or the same employer as the entity that employed the manager or executive abroad.

Although EB-1 is only applicable to a select number of people because of its stringent requirements, those who qualify for this category will find the application process easy with the help of an experienced immigration attorney. If you want to know your eligibility for this category, contact us.

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If you have questions, pls call Dr. Valerie de Leon at (650) 697-9000 or visit our website at www.millbraesmile.com. She is with Millbrae Smile Center located at 15 El Camino Real, Millbrae 94030. She is a member of American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Academy of Laser Dentistry, ADA, CDA and SMCDs. Please call for a free consultation.

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Of charmed lives and weathering...

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charmed lives.

Imagine that God sees how unhappy you are, takes pity on you and he gives you access to His Celestial PowerBook, with a database cataloging the lives of the past, present and future of the five billion or so people that inhabit the world. He permits you to type in the name of the person you would like to exchange your life with. You discover surprising twists and turns of character and fate. You discover dirt that has been airbrushed or little dark secrets edited out or given a new spin. You discover untold pain and suffering, the great equalizers, etched in every life.

That gorgeous, woman hiding behind a ready smile has a young daughter with cystic fibrosis and is going through a bitter divorce with a philandering husband. The

good-looking guy you thought was to die for is a closet pedophile cum sado-masochist. The distinguished couple you met who lacks for nothing, has a son languishing in jail. That tall, reed-thin Victoria's Secret lingerie model suffers from bulimia. That hottie celebrity is a wife beater and is in rehab for serious addictions. You go through the entire universal data base frustrated and somewhat relieved to find out that your own life with all its warts, is just as bad or just as good as those of others and there's no one you'd like to trade your life with, thank you very much.

In most cases, the life we have is the life we would choose all over again. We just need to realize that there's always more to a story and an image than meet the eye. Packaging can be mere illusion. What you see is not necessarily what you

get, ergo, the need to dig deep. We are all programmed to go through great lengths to put up a deceptive front to hide the truth—either goaded by ego or the instinct for self-preservation.

A self-respecting gardener winterizes the grass and preps it for the cold, dark days of winter to give it a fighting chance to survive and thrive in the spring and summer. We ought to do the same thing and winterize the garden of our soul to keep it young and hopeful. I wish I could say it's easy. But like anything that is worthwhile, it takes time, patience, work, persistence and gumption. But we could start with something basic. Upon waking up each day, we can psyche ourselves up with an unfailing weapon of choice—PRAYER. Personalized and heartfelt, it is our instant connection with the God

of our being. These can merely be secular, positive affirmations of our own worth and place in this life or it can be the simple act of prayerful acceptance and thanksgiving for all that was, is and yet to come.

Chances are, you're already living one heck of a charmed life and you don't even know it.

Nota Bene: My views are my own and do not necessarily reflect the views of AJPI. I encourage you to read my book, "The Complete Success Guide for the Immigrant Life: How to Survive, How to Thrive, How to be Fully Alive." If you have very little time to read, browse through "The Immigrant's Little Quote Book for Success." Your local public library might have these books available or you can request your librarian to purchase copies. These are also available at amazon.com or immigrantsuccess.com. Past articles are on the Internet at www.asianjournal.com. To ask questions, send feedback and requests, e-mail monettemaglaya@sbcglobal.net or monettemaglaya@asianjournalinc.com.

The Voice of FilAmerica

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Plan for 2025.

As mayor, Cabaldon created the city arts, culture and historic preservation commission.

Within the Filipino-American social and community circles, Mayor Cabaldon is a former treasurer of the National Filipino American Youth Association, and is the youngest person to be honored for outstanding historical contribution by the valley chapters of the Filipino American National Historical Society.

Honored as Executive of the Year by the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Cabaldon has served as regional chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Association (NaFFAA).

On a footnote, Mayor Cabaldon, a UC Berkeley graduate, is one of a few openly gay California mayors

elected directly by their cities. The story of his public coming out was documented as the second episode of the *Coming Out Stories* on the LOGO television network.

(For a complete rundown on Mayor Cabaldon's achievements and the various positions he has held prior to and during his term as Mayor, visit www.cabaldon.org.)

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THE dwindling economy is never a reason to put your dreams on hold, including your dream car. If you are caught up in these challenging times, Hyundai is the way to go.

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