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Official Offices in Minnesota: USCIS, Court and Passports 2026

We publish no federal street address. There is one immigration court, with free parking and a light rail stop at the door, but it discards unsolicited faxes without notice.

SHORT ANSWER

This guide deliberately omits some addresses and we say why: **the USCIS, ICE, CBP and Social Security pages were closed to automated access this round**, their archive records were unreachable, and publishing a federal address from an old archive is precisely the error that sends people on wasted trips. **The only accurate sentence is this: the address you go to is the address on your appointment notice.** The court side is clear: **Minnesota has one immigration court**, in the metro, with **free parking in the building and a light rail stop at the door**. And we name the costliest mistake up front: **the court does not docket faxes and electronic filings it did not request, and discards them without notifying the sender.**

WHICH FEDERAL ADDRESSES ARE IN THIS GUIDE AND WHICH ARE NOT

- **No USCIS field office or support center address.** The agency's pages were closed to automated access this round and the archive record was unreachable as well. Do not confuse two sentences: **"we do not publish an address" is not the same as "there is no office."** Minnesota has offices; the address is on your appointment notice and in the agency's office locator.
- **Two separate offices, two separate jobs:** green card and citizenship interviews happen at field offices, while fingerprint and photograph appointments happen at application support centers. Confusing the two costs an appointment day.
- **No address for Social Security.** We could not confirm a single Minnesota office from an official source this round. Find out which office serves you by ZIP code at ssa.gov/locator. The national line is **1-800-772-1213**; **ask for a Turkish interpreter** and say so at the start of the call.
- **No address for ICE or CBP either.** If you have a reporting obligation, confirm the location from the agency's own check-in page, and if you hold an appointment notice, the address on that notice controls. The detention information line is **1-888-351-4024**; talk to your attorney before you go.
- **We could not verify that Minnesota has a separate asylum office**, and we could not verify the location or hours of the offices that correct entry errors. Form I-589 is not filed in person at an asylum office; it goes through the filing channel the agency designates.
- **We also could not verify which office covers which counties.** If you live in the north or northwest of the state, do not **assume** the support center is in the metro, and do not assume it is not; read the notice carefully, because the drive can be several hundred kilometers.

USCIS: the agency's sentences that help you

- **No walk-ins.** Field offices do not accept visitors without an appointment; appointments are made through the [Contact Center](#). Use [your online account](#) for case status and appointment requests.
- **You do not choose your biometrics appointment:** which center you go to is stated on the **I-797C** notice. To reschedule, request it through your online account or the Contact Center.
- **What the center does not do:** application support centers give no information about your case and provide no service other than collecting biometrics. Ask case questions of the Contact Center, not the center.
- **Appointments are free:** the Contact Center is **1-800-375-5283**. Intermediary sites that charge for an appointment are a scam.
- **Winter closures are a real risk here:** federal offices can close in a snowstorm or another emergency, and the agency publishes closures on [its own announcement page](#). For January and February appointments, leave early and check that page that morning.
- **For processing times**, select the form, the category and the office holding your case at egov.uscis.gov/processing-times; the times are updated monthly.
- **Who is authorized to do immigration work:** the authority a non-attorney needs to provide immigration services comes from the **Department of Justice**. If the person offering you immigration help is neither an attorney nor accredited by the Department of Justice, they are **not authorized to give legal advice**. Ask before you pay, and ask for the answer in writing.

The immigration court: one of them, easy to reach, and no faxes

ITEM	INFORMATION
Court	The only immigration court in the state; its name comes from a historic installation in the metro area, so searching under the Minneapolis name does not find it
Address	1 Federal Drive, Suite 1850, Fort Snelling, MN 55111
Phone	612-725-3765
Public hours	8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays, closed on federal holidays
Window filing	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Parking	Free in the building. Visitor and accessible spaces are reached from the road in front of the building, through the security booth
Transit	A light rail stop sits next to the court; the court directs readers to the regional transit agency's trip planner
Asylum clock requests	The court keeps a separate email address for this purpose and writes that the address is only for those requests and that other subjects will not be answered

THE COSTLIEST MISTAKE: AN UNSOLICITED FAX IS DISCARDED WITHOUT NOTICE

- **This is the court's own statement:** unless staff or the judge has specifically requested it, faxes and electronic filings are not accepted, and **unauthorized filings are not docketed and are discarded without being reviewed and without notice to the sender.**
- **The practical result in one sentence:** faxing a time-sensitive filing produces the same outcome as not filing at all. You do not even get an error message.
- **What to do:** file in person during window hours, or ask your attorney in advance which channel they will use.
- **The court can close because of weather,** and in a Minnesota winter that is not a theoretical risk; the court lists severe weather among its closure reasons. **Check before you set out on the morning of a hearing.**
- **Security at every visit:** there is a metal detector and a bag check, **you may be asked to remove your shoes,** food and drink are not allowed except where the judge permits, and cameras and recording devices are barred from courtrooms.
- **Hearings are open to the public** and, in the court's own words, no advance notice is required for your visit. If you want to see the courtroom before your first hearing, that is possible and a good idea.
- **A remote hearing is a possibility, not a right.** The agency publishes internet hearing links and telephone access codes for each judge, but whether a case is heard remotely is **the judge's decision.** Make the request through your attorney.
- **Online lookup:** your A number is enough at acis.eoir.justice.gov, or you can call **1-800-898-7180.** The official information is still the hearing notice.

Distance is not the same at the two ends of the state. If you live in the metro the court is effectively a local address: free parking, a light rail stop at the door, the same line from the airport and both downtowns. **If you are coming from Crookston the same hearing is roughly 450 kilometers,** which means a full day of driving or a flight plus a hotel. Add the possibility of a weather closure: in the metro that is an hour's delay, in Crookston it can be a two-day loss. **Make the travel and lodging plan as soon as you have the hearing date,** and ask your attorney about the possibility of remote attendance. **Missing a hearing can lead to an in absentia removal order.** On the I-94 side: you can download the record of your last entry at i94.cbp.dhs.gov, and we **could not verify** the Minnesota location and hours of the offices that correct errors made at entry; read the list from [the agency's own page](#) and **write before you travel.** Why it is urgent: **a Minnesota license issued to someone with temporary lawful status expires on the last day of their stay,** so an error on the I-94 feeds straight into your card.

State law: there is no statute, there are two opinions

A SOURCE WARNING, BECAUSE IT BELONGS AT THE TOP OF THIS SECTION

- **This guide does not describe Minnesota as a sanctuary state.** The bill that is often cited is reported to have cleared committee, but we **could not find** a record that it passed the floor or was signed.
- The material we actually have is not a statute: it is **two official opinions of the state attorney general**. Both are **legal opinions** rather than court decisions, and both cut two ways, saying what cannot be done while also saying what can.
- **Everything you read below is at MEDIUM confidence:** the attorney general's own server never opened from this machine this round, and we read the content of the opinions through the search index of the office's own pages and documents. **It needs to be confirmed by an attorney.**
- **And most importantly: no line in this section is a protection.** Do not take a step in your own case on the basis of these lines.

WHAT THE OPINION SAYS	WHAT THE OPINION DOES NOT SAY
An immigration detainer is a request, not an order; the federal regulation itself defines them as requests	It does not prohibit every contact or every form of cooperation between Minnesota police and federal immigration authorities
Holding a person past the moment they should be released solely because of a detainer is an arrest and counts as a constitutional seizure	It sets no limit on what happens while a person is lawfully in custody on a state charge
State law gives state and local officers no authority to arrest on the basis of an administrative detainer, and agencies that do so face serious legal liability risk	It does not prevent immigration authorities from detaining a person under their own authority , and it does not touch any detention state law independently permits
A sheriff cannot sign a 287(g) agreement alone: a sheriff's powers come from statute, and the legislature wrote no provision for contracting with the federal government	But a county board can: a limited exception in the joint powers statute makes it possible by board resolution . So the opinion does not prohibit these agreements, it says who can sign one

- **Such an agreement confers no authority to hold on a detainer**, because state law prohibits that regardless of whether a valid agreement exists; officers deputized under one remain **bound by state arrest law**.
- **The status of existing agreements is unsettled.** The attorney general's office itself says this guidance **calls into question** the legal status of existing agreements that did not obtain county board approval.
- **We could not verify the situation of the three counties.** The federal agency's participating agency list and the data files we tried were unreachable, and the archive was closed. **We do not say there is none**, we say we could not verify, and those are not the same thing.
- **Where to look is clear, and this is practical advice:** since such an agreement can exist only **by county board resolution**, someone who wants to learn their own county's position looks at **the county board's agendas and meeting minutes**. Those records are public.
- **A federal lawsuit ran and the process is not finished.** An announcement from the attorney general's office reports that a motion in the federal case brought against one of the opinions was denied; we record that as the state's own account and go no further, because we did not read the decision.

- **How not to use this section:** the lines above are opinions, not statute; the source site never opened; the position of three counties is unknown; the position is in motion; and the opinions themselves do not prevent immigration authorities from acting under their own authority. **So do not use this to decide where to live.**
- **If you are detained,** ask to speak with an attorney before discussing your status, and if you are a Turkish citizen, **ask that the consulate be notified.**

THE STATE HAS TWO IMMIGRANT AGENCIES, AND NEITHER IS A LAWYER

- **The first is the Office of New Americans,** a statutory state office inside DEED, the state's employment and economic development department. The statute assigns it these jobs: serving as a **point of contact** for immigrants and refugees seeking access to resources, providing direction with occupational licensing boards, connecting employers with job seekers, supporting programs that reduce barriers to employment, overseeing access to state services and grants, and identifying and coordinating **best practices for language access** for all state agencies. That last phrase is the statute's own wording, so we carry it as written.
- **The second is the Resettlement Programs Office,** a separate office inside the Minnesota Department of Human Services, charged with supporting the resettlement of people with humanitarian protection status. **The trap here is a time condition:** eligibility is described as open to people who **currently hold a qualifying status and have held it for five years or less**, so the door is not open indefinitely. The assistance line is **1-800-814-4806**. We read these items through the search index, so **have them confirmed.**
- **Neither one is a legal services provider,** and we say that in the same sentence. The statute creates the Office of New Americans as a point of contact, a coordinating body and a grant distributor; no provision gives it authority to represent anyone or to give legal advice. The Resettlement Programs Office is a benefits and resettlement-services body; it does not represent anyone in immigration proceedings.
- **Who administers refugee cash assistance varies by county:** in the counties on one list the work sits with **the Resettlement Programs Office**, and in counties not on that list it sits with **the county**. So the place you call for the same benefit depends on your address. This too was read through the search index.
- **We could not find a program or commission specific to Türkiye.** The ethnic councils named in statute target other communities, and we could not verify whether any of their own definitions would cover a person of Turkish origin; we assert neither direction.

U.S. passports: 125 acceptance facilities, but one agency

If you have naturalized, a first U.S. passport is obtained in person on Form **DS-11**. The good news: **Minnesota has 125 acceptance facilities spread across 112 separate cities**, so county and city counters do this work alongside post offices. The bad news: **the state has only one passport agency and it is in the metro**, and it serves only travelers leaving the country within **14 calendar days**, those needing a foreign visa within **28 calendar days**, and death or life-threatening situations.

ACCEPTANCE FACILITY	ADDRESS	PHONE AND HOURS
Minneapolis main post office	100 South 1st St, Minneapolis, MN 55401	612-349-4750; weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
Minneapolis Loring branch	18 North 12th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403	612-333-6213; Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The university passport office	331 17th Ave SE, Room 120, Minneapolis, MN 55414	612-625-5186; Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., other days 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Photocopying and notary service available, appointments online
St. Paul Elway post office	1715 Seventh Street West, St. Paul, MN 55116	651-699-2762; weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. only
Wayzata city counter	600 Rice St E, Wayzata, MN 55391	952-404-5320; Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Friday 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Appointments preferred
Maple Grove city counter	12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, MN 55369	763-494-5988; weekdays 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.). Photocopying on site

- **This is not the full list.** There are 125 facilities in the state; find the one nearest you by ZIP code at [the State Department's acceptance facility finder](#).
- **Some cities have no acceptance facility at all**, including part of the metro's western suburbs. So do not plan on "I will go to city hall"; check the finder first.
- **The northwest is different, and this is concrete planning information:** most facilities there are county counters and some are **open only two days a week**. So "the nearest office" and "the nearest office open today" are two different questions. **Call before you set out.**
- **The hours were read from coded data.** We took them from the State Department's own data file, but that file has broken rows elsewhere. Do not set out on the strength of a single row.
- **Which transactions are in person:** first-time adult applicants, children under 16, anyone whose passport was lost, stolen or damaged, and anyone whose passport was issued before age 16 or is more than 15 years old. **Renewals go by mail**, with no acceptance facility needed.
- **Fees:** an adult book is **\$130**, a card **\$30**, book and card **\$160**; for a child under 16 a book is **\$100** and a card **\$15**. The acceptance fee is a separate **\$35**, and expedited service adds **\$60**. **You make two separate payments**; ask which payment methods are accepted before you go, since some counters do not take cards.
- **There is a conflict about the agency's opening time and we take no side:** two official sources give two different times, one **8 a.m.** and the other **8:30 a.m.**, with closing at 3 p.m. in both. We could not resolve which is current. **Rely on the time in your appointment confirmation** and call **877-487-2778** before you travel.
- **Appointments are free**, and after you pick a slot the system asks you to **confirm within 15 minutes**; up to seven people in a household can be on one record. **Sites that charge for an appointment are a scam**, and the agency writes that it may not honor appointments obtained through a third party.
- **Do not overlook the option that requires no travel:** routine and expedited applications go by mail through [the national passport center](#). If you live in the north of the state and are not inside the 14-day emergency

threshold, consider the mail route instead of 450 kilometers of driving.

- **One distinction:** this section is about **U.S.** passports. **A Turkish passport is not renewed at a post office;** that work runs through the Consulate General in Chicago.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND JURY DUTY: ONE IS CERTAIN, ON THE OTHER WE SAY WE DO NOT KNOW

- **The voter registration rule is plain:** registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only, and **green card holders cannot register.** Registering or voting without citizenship is a direct problem in front of the officer assessing eligibility and good moral character; [the uscis.gov policy manual](#) treats the subject in a separate chapter.
- **Read the form at the counter.** If a license, identification card or public benefit application contains a voter registration section, the signature on that section counts in most states as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen. We could not verify from an official source how a Minnesota license application is linked to voter registration,** and that is precisely why: read every section of the form in front of you, do not sign a section you do not understand, and do not answer yes to a citizenship question if you are not a citizen. If you are unsure, ask the clerk and wait for the answer.
- **Do not fill out voter registration forms handed to you door to door or at events,** even if a campaign worker says it will not be a problem.
- **On jury duty we say we do not know:** we **could not verify** this round which public records Minnesota builds its jury master list from, that is whether driver license records feed that list. So we say neither "you will not be summoned" nor "you will be." We could not read the text on juror qualifications either.
- **If a summons arrives:** do not ignore it and do not throw it away. Call **the jury office of the county court named on the letter** as soon as you can, or respond online as the letter instructs, and report that you do not meet the juror requirements. The process varies from county to county, so use **the number on your letter** rather than a general one.
- **A summons is not an accusation,** since lists are built from public records; but it is also not something to leave unanswered.
- If you were registered to vote somewhere by mistake, talk to an immigration attorney before answering a citizenship question on any official form. It is a short, inexpensive question with an expensive wrong answer.

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