AIMG Alberta International Medical Graduate Program





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#### PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN ALBERTA USING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

One method of providing proof of Residence in Alberta is to provide a letter prepared by one or more eligible guarantors. A guarantor is a person other than the applicant (or family member) who can confirm the applicant's day-to-day presence in Alberta during the period of December 1, 2023, to May 18, 2024.

#### Applicants:

- May request a guarantor letter by email or telephone for those offices that conduct business online. Guarantors must independently write letters and remain available for contact by email and/or telephone from July 15 to October 18, 2024. Guarantors must adhere to Guarantor Letter Guidelines.
- 2) Must upload guarantor letters directly to their electronic application.
- Provide the AIMG Program with one (or a series of) guarantor letter(s) to cover the full period. Letters
   lacking sufficient detail to verify an applicant's residency in Alberta may result in potential
   ineligibility.

#### Who is eligible to be a Guarantor?

 Must be a person of <u>recognized</u> authority within a formal Alberta community activity-based society/corporation/religious organization who can guarantee the applicant is and has been an <u>active</u> <u>and consistent</u> participant or volunteer throughout the entire time indicated above.

Examples:

- Spiritual leader of religious services which you regularly attend
- Supervisor of unpaid or volunteer work, e.g. the teacher of the classroom in which you regularly volunteer.
- Director of a recognized non-profit organization of which you are a member or volunteer
- Leader/instructor of a recreational activity in which you regularly participate
- Instructor of a continuing education or professional development class which you regularly attend
- May be a neighbour or parent of a child's friend offering to be a guarantor must know you well enough to swear that Alberta is your place of residence and has no vested interest in your eligibility



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- 2. Must be 18 years of age or older
- 3. Must be present in Alberta for the entire period indicated above
- 4. Must be available for contact by the AIMG Program weekdays during the daytime throughout the file review period (July 15 to October 18, 2024)
- 5. Must be able to confirm the location and duration of the applicant's participation in the organization
- 6. CANNOT be an individual who is applying to the AIMG Program 2025 Cycle or a family member or a person residing at the same address as the applicant
- 7. Must understand that deceptive or fabricated documentation provided on behalf of the applicant to the AIMG PROGRAM is sufficient cause for the AIMG PROGRAM to disgualify the applicant's application from this and potentially future AIMG Program cycles.

#### Guarantor must perform the following tasks free of charge:

- 1. Independently prepare the guarantor letter (letter content checklist on next page). Applicant must not assist the guarantor with execution of the letter.
- 2. Be available for contact by the AIMG Program weekdays during the daytime throughout the file review period (July 15 to October 18, 2024) to confirm the applicant's presence in Alberta and the details within the letter prepared by the guarantor.

#### What is a recognized Alberta community activity-based organization?

- 1. An organization, business or society which is registered in Alberta under the Societies Act, Business Corporations Act, School Act, Municipal Government Act or Religious Societies Land Act; OR
- 2. An organization that offers activities, ideally social in nature, which require the applicant to participate and be physically present in Alberta.

#### All proofs provided are subject to AIMG Program source verification.



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## **Guarantor Letter Guidelines for Community Organizations**

<u>It is the applicant's responsibility</u> to ensure that letter(s) in support of the applicant's AIMG Program application contain(s) <u>all</u> the following: All electronic versions of letters must contain the organization's letterhead, which includes the organization's logo, full official name of the organization, street/mailing address, and website address. Applicants are responsible for uploading guarantor letters to the Supporting Documents Upload area of their application.

#### Guarantors Guidelines:

- 1. Date the letter was prepared (must be dated between May 1 to June 7, 2024)
- 2. Applicant's first and last name
- 3. Applicant's current address
- 4. Applicant's relationship to the organization e.g. member, volunteer, participant, parent
- 5. Activity/activities information:
  - o description of the activity/activities
  - specific dates for each activity and the frequency of participation, i.e. start and end date of activity plus specific dates in attendance (e.g. weekly on Tuesdays)
  - o record of attendance at virtual community meetings (e.g. meeting minutes)
  - o street address where the activity took place, if possible
- Daytime phone number of the guarantor. (Must be available for contact by the AIMG Program (July 15 to October 18, 2024)
- 7. Original or electronic signature of the guarantor, including their title within the organization
- 8. More than one letter may be provided to cover the required residency period; this may be a combination of guarantor, employment, and institutional letters.

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