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IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:



PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker under Section 101(a)(15)(O)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act,
8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(O)(ii)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



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Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a horse stable. The beneficiary is a horse trainer and rider. The petitioner seeks O-2 classification of the beneficiary, under section 101(a)(15)(O)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), as an essential support alien to her spouse ([REDACTED]) who is seeking O-1 classification.

The director denied the petition, finding that the status of an O-2 alien is contingent upon the status of the O-1 alien to whom she will provide essential support. In this case, the petition for the alien whom the beneficiary would have accompanied ([REDACTED]) has been denied, so the director denied the instant O-2 petition.

On appeal, counsel for the petitioner asserts that the beneficiary's spouse, [REDACTED] is an alien of extraordinary ability and that the beneficiary plays an integral role in support of her spouse.

Section 101(a)(15)(O)(ii) of the Act provides classification to a qualified alien who seeks to enter the United States temporarily and solely for the purpose of accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by an alien who is admitted as an O-1 alien for a specific event or events, is an integral part of such actual performance, has critical skills and experience with such alien which are not of a general nature and which cannot be performed by other individuals, or is the alien spouse or child of an O-1 alien and is accompanying, or following to join, the alien.

After a careful review of the record, it must be concluded that the petitioner has failed to meet its burden of proof. The status of an O-2 alien is contingent upon the status of the O-1 alien. The beneficiary's spouse was denied O-1 classification by the director and the AAO on appeal, so the instant petition must be denied.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. Here, the petitioner has not met that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.