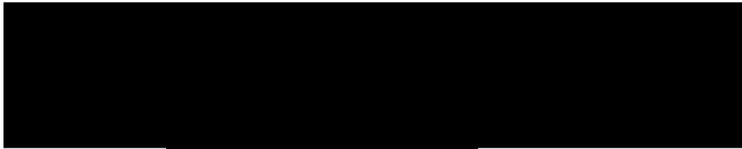




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Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for Temporary Resident Status pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements reached in *Catholic Social Services, Inc., et al., v. Ridge, et al.*, CIV. NO. S-86-1343-LKK (E.D. Cal) January 23, 2004, and *Felicity Mary Newman, et al., v. United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, et al.*, CIV. NO. 87-4757-WDK (C.D. Cal) February 17, 2004 (CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements), was denied by the District Director, New York. The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant submitted a Form I-687, Application for Status as a Temporary Resident Under Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), and a Form I-687 Supplement, CSS/Newman Class Membership Worksheet, on February 10, 2005. The director determined that the applicant had not established by a preponderance of the evidence that he had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status for the duration of the requisite period.¹ The director observed that the applicant stated during his interview with a Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) officer on July 18, 2005 that he attended school in Gambia until the age of fifteen and then worked with his father on a farm in Gambia for two additional years. The director, noting that the applicant was born on January 1, 1969, determined that this testimony would place the applicant's first entry to the United States no earlier than January 1, 1986, which would render him incapable of meeting the continuous residency requirements. The director acknowledged the applicant's submission of three affidavits from persons claiming to have known the applicant in the United States, but found they were not credible, amenable to verification, or corroborated by other evidence in the record. The director denied the application as the applicant had not met his burden of proof and was, therefore, not eligible to adjust to Temporary Resident Status pursuant to the terms of the CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements.

On appeal, the applicant states on Form I-694, Notice of Appeal of Decision Under Section 210 or 245A, that he wishes to appeal the director's decision, that he has sent proof that he has been in the United States since 1981, and that he can get more proof if needed. The applicant indicated that he was waiving his right to submit a written brief or statement, and no additional evidence has been incorporated into the record since the appeal was filed on August 28, 2006.

As stated in 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(3)(iv), any appeal which is filed that fails to state the reason for appeal, or is patently frivolous, will be summarily dismissed. Regulations at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v) state, in pertinent part:

¹ An applicant for temporary resident status must establish entry into the United States before January 1, 1982, and continuous residence in the United States in an unlawful status since such date and through the date the application is filed. Section 245A(a)(2) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(a)(2). For purposes of establishing residence and physical presence under the CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements, the term "until the date of filing" in 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(b)(1) means until the date the applicant attempted to file a completed Form I-687 application and fee or was caused not to timely file during the original legalization application period of May 5, 1987 to May 4, 1988. CSS Settlement Agreement paragraph 11 at page 6; Newman Settlement Agreement paragraph 11 at page 10.

An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.

Upon review, the AAO concurs with the director's decision and affirms the denial of the application. A review of the decision reveals the director accurately set forth a legitimate basis for denial of the application. The applicant has not presented additional evidence or otherwise addressed the grounds for denial, nor has he identified an erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in support of the appeal. The appeal must therefore be summarily dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility.