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FILE:



Office: DALLAS

Date: SEP 11 2006

MSC 02 246 65597

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by LIFE Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if the matter 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Dallas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director denied the application because the applicant had failed to establish that he satisfied the “basic citizenship skills” required under section 1104(c)(2)(E) of the LIFE Act.

On appeal, the applicant claims that he has completed an English course and submits a Certificate of Achievement from the Dallas Independent School District as evidence thereof.

The applicant filed this appeal in the form of a letter to the Dallas District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(a)(2) provides that an appeal from the denial of an application for permanent resident status under the LIFE Act be made on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office. As Form I-290B was not filed in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(a)(2), the appeal has not been properly filed, and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.