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Applicant:

APPLICATION:

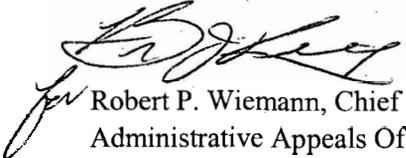
Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

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. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

  
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is stated to be a citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The record reveals that the applicant filed a late initial TPS application on November 15, 2002, under CIS receipt number SRC 03 040 53842. The director denied the application on March 08, 2004, because the applicant failed to establish that he was eligible for late initial registration for TPS.

Section 244(c) of the Act, and the related regulations in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2, provide that an applicant who is a national of a foreign state designated by the Attorney General is eligible for TPS only if such alien establishes that he or she:

- (a) Is a national of a state designated under section 244(b) of the Act;
- (b) Has been continuously physically present in the United States since the effective date of the most recent designation of that foreign state;
- (c) Has continuously resided in the United States since such date as the Attorney General may designate;
- (d) Is admissible as an immigrant except as provided under section 244.3;
- (e) Is not ineligible under 8 C.F.R. § 244.4; and
- (f)
  - (1) Registers for Temporary Protected Status during the initial registration period announced by public notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, or
  - (2) During any subsequent extension of such designation if at the time of the initial registration period:
    - (i) The applicant is a nonimmigrant or has been granted voluntary departure status or any relief from removal;
    - (ii) The applicant has an application for change of status, adjustment of status, asylum, voluntary departure, or any relief from removal which is pending or subject to further review or appeal;
    - (iii) The applicant is a parolee or has a pending request for reparole; or

- (iv) The applicant is a spouse or child of an alien currently eligible to be a TPS registrant.
- (g) Has filed an application for late registration with the appropriate Service director within a 60-day period immediately following the expiration or termination of conditions described in paragraph (f)(2) of this section.

Persons applying for TPS offered to El Salvadorans must demonstrate continuous residence in the United States since February 13, 2001, and continuous physical presence since March 9, 2001. The initial registration period for Salvadorans was from March 9, 2001, through September 9, 2002. The record reveals that the applicant filed his initial application with Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) on November 15, 2002.

To qualify for late registration, the applicant must provide evidence that during the initial registration period he fell within at least one of the provisions described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2) above.

The burden of proof is upon the applicant to establish that he or she meets the above requirements. Applicants shall submit all documentation as required in the instructions or requested by CIS. 8 C.F.R. § 244.9(a). The sufficiency of all evidence will be judged according to its relevancy, consistency, credibility, and probative value. To meet his or her burden of proof, the applicant must provide supporting documentary evidence of eligibility apart from his or her own statements. 8 C.F.R. § 244.9(b).

With his TPS application, the applicant submitted a copy of: his birth certificate (in Spanish) with an English translation; a Bank of America account statement for the period ending December 14, 1999; and a page of an apartment lease for a lease period October 1, 1999 to September 29, 2000.

On March 24, 2003, the applicant was provided the opportunity to submit evidence establishing his eligibility for late registration as set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2). With his response to the notice of intent to deny, the applicant submitted a copy of a medical invoice; a birth certificate in Spanish, with an English translation; an Employment Authorization Document (EAD); a Florida driver license, issued on July 1, 1999; a statement of earnings from [REDACTED] dated February 16, 2000; and a page of an apartment lease. The director noted that the applicant responded to the notice of intent to deny, however, the applicant failed to provide evidence to establish eligibility for late initial registration for TPS. The director, therefore, denied the application.

On appeal, the applicant asserts eligibility for TPS and states that he has been in the United States during the period from February 13, 2001, through September 9, 2002. With the appeal, in an attempt to establish eligibility for TPS, the applicant submits only a photocopy of 2 EAD cards, a Georgia driver's license; Federal Individual Income Tax returns, Form-1040, for the years, 2001, 2003, and 2004; a Certificate of Completion of an ESL course; a document in Spanish, dated September 30, 2002; an automobile insurance declaration page, with invoice and Insurance ID cards; the front page of 2 money orders; 2 unclear earnings statements; an electric bill; a bank account statement; a Georgia DMV receipt; 4 earnings statements from [REDACTED] page of an apartment lease; an unclear account statement showing a 20/27 Day Plan; and a Georgia DMV registration and receipt. However, this evidence does not mitigate the applicant's failure to file his Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, within the initial registration period.

The applicant has not submitted any evidence to establish that he has met any of the criteria for late registration described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2). Consequently, the director's decision to deny the application for TPS will be affirmed.

An alien applying for TPS has the burden of proving that he or she meets the requirements enumerated above and is otherwise eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act. The applicant has failed to meet this burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.