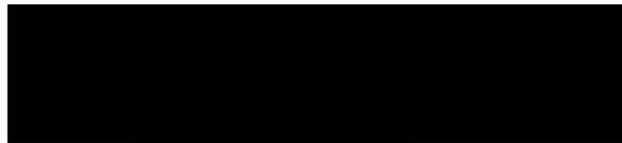


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Applicant:



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 Vermont Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

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

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 a native and citizen of Honduras who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The applicant filed an initial Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, under receipt number SRC 02 103 54986 after the initial registration period had closed. The Director, Texas Service Center, denied that application on August 23, 2002, after determining that the applicant had failed to establish he was eligible for late initial registration.

The applicant did not appeal the director's decision. After review of the record, AAO affirms the director's denial.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821 on January 7, 2005, and indicated that he was re-registering for TPS.

The director denied the re-registration application because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS.

If an alien is filing a re-registration application, a previous grant of TPS must have been afforded the applicant, as only those individuals who are granted TPS must register annually. In addition, the applicant must continue to maintain the conditions of eligibility. 8 C.F.R. § 244.17.

The applicant has not previously been granted TPS. Therefore, he is not eligible to re-register for TPS. Consequently, the director's decision to deny the application will be affirmed.

There is no indication that the applicant was attempting to file a late initial application for TPS instead of an annual re-registration. Moreover, there is no evidence in the file to suggest that the applicant is eligible for late registration for TPS under 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2).

It is noted that, in removal proceedings held on March 11, 1997, an Immigration Judge in Laredo, Texas, ordered the applicant deported "in absentia" to Honduras. It is further noted that the record contains an outstanding Form I-205, Warrant of Removal/Deportation, issued by the District Director of the Laredo, Texas, office of Citizenship and Immigration Services, (formerly, the Immigration and Naturalization Service) on March 11, 1997 showing that the applicant was deported from the United States on April 10, 1997.

An alien applying for temporary protected status has the burden of proving that he or she meets the requirements cited 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.