J1-Visa Application Document Requirements

1. Passport: the original of a passport with over 6 months' validity and blank visa pages.

2. Electronic Portrait Photo: Click to see the **Photo Requirement**.

3. Proof of legal stay or residence status (applicable to those not applying for visas in their country of citizenship).

4. Previous Chinese passport (applicable to foreign citizens who used to be Chinese citizens) or previous Chinese visas:

4.1 If a foreign citizen who used to be a Chinese citizen is applying for a Chinese visa for the first time, the original of the previous Chinese passport and a photocopy of its information page should be submitted.

4.2 If a foreign citizen who was issued a Chinese visa before is applying for a Chinese visa with a different foreign passport, a photocopy of the information page of the previous passport and a photocopy of the previous Chinese visa should be submitted.

4.3 If the name on the current foreign passport differs from that on the previous Chinese passport or the previous Chinese visa, an official document issued by competent authorities on the name change should be submitted.

5. Visa Notification Letter issued by the Department of Press, Communication and Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.