DV Lottery photo

Diversity Visa (DV) Program electronic entry photo

File	600×600 px JPEG, up to 240 KB
Head size	Sized such that the head is between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches (22 mm and 35 mm) or 50 percent and 69 percent of the image's total height
Background	Taken in front of a plain white or off-white background
Glasses	Do not wear eyeglasses.
Head covering	Do not wear a hat or head covering that obscures the hair or hairline, unless worn daily for a religious purpose. Your full face must be visible, and the head covering must not cast any shadows on your face.
Expression	Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera with a neutral facial expression and both eyes open
Taken within	6 months

Official wording

“Submitting the same photograph that you submitted with a prior year's entry, a photograph that has been manipulated, or a photograph that does not meet the specifications below may make you ineligible for a DV.”

Sources (checked 2026-11-07):

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