Instructions for Scheduling Your B Visa Appointment in Moldova:

To schedule an appointment at the US Consulate, there are several steps that you will need to take. Detailed instructions can be found online at <u>Apply for a U.S. Visa | Apply for a Visa - Moldova (English) (ustraveldocs.com)</u>, but an outline of the steps are below:

- 1. Have U.S. style visa photo made. The DS-160 (step 2) requires uploading a digitized photo. You should also bring a paper photo to your application interview. Visa photos must be 2" x 2" (51 mm. x 51 mm.) No other format is acceptable. Review this link for overview of the process:

 Apply for a U.S. Visa | Complete My DS-160 Moldova (English) (ustraveldocs.com)
- 2. Complete the DS-160 online: https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/:
 - a. Each applicant including children must have their own Form DS-160 visa application. The Form DS-160 must be completed and submitted online prior to your interview at the Embassy or Consulate. The barcode number on the Form DS-160 confirmation page is required in order to book your interview. The Form DS-160 must be submitted online and the printed confirmation page must be brought to the interview. The Embassy or Consulate will not accept handwritten or typed applications and you will not be permitted to attend your interview without a Form DS-160 confirmation page.
 - b. Once completed you should **submit the form** and **print the barcode confirmation page**.
 - c. All non-immigrant visa applicants **must fill in the DS 160 application form before scheduling an appointment**. The reference numbers of the DS 160 must be provided at time of scheduling. That should be printed to be taken to the interview.
- 3. When completing the DS-160 and making the appointment, we find that most B Visa applicants need the following information:

Visa Type: B-2 (*some portals have a drop down to allow you to select the appropriate visa

category)

Start Date: Select your anticipated arrival date to the U.S.

Once completed, submit the form and print the barcode confirmation page. You will need this barcode number to create your account.

- 4. Create an account on the visa scheduling system. Please go to https://cgifederal.secure.force.com/?language=English&country=Moldova to create an account.
- 5. Pay the required visa fees: Fees are listed in U.S. dollars, though payments must be made in local currency at the current rate of exchange. See this link for instructions about payment fees: Apply for a U.S. Visa | Bank and Payment Options/Pay My Visa Fee Moldova (English) (ustraveldocs.com)
- 6. After paying the application fee, return to https://cgifederal.secure.force.com/?language=English&country=Moldova and sign in to your profile. Navigate to Schedule Appointment and answer the questions regarding your previous

visa, if any. You may have to make two appointments, one for the visa interview and Biometrics/Fingerprinting appointment where you will submit your fingerprints).

- 7. Attend the Biometrics appointment. You will need to bring:
 - A passport valid for travel to the United States with validity dates at least six months beyond intended period of stay in the United States.
 - DS-160 confirmation page.
 - Appointment confirmation page.
 - One photograph as per U.S. visa specifications.
- 8. Attend the interview with all required documentation. Prior to the interview, you will need to gather the following:
 - Original, valid passport with a barcode added at the biometrics appointment and any expired passports in your possession.
 - DS-160 Confirmation Barcode Page.
 - MRV fee receipt and appointment confirmation page (from the website).

At the interview, the officer should make a determination if the visa is approved or if any additional information is required. Assuming approved, the visa is usually issued and returned within 7-10 business days (varies at present due to COVID). Upon receipt of your passport with the visa, you may enter the US. If you have any questions regarding the above, please let us know.

Contact Information for the Consulate in Moldova:

For all visa information, visit www.ustraveldocs.com/md.

For any visa-related question, please send an e-mail message to: <u>support-moldova@ustraveldocs.com</u>, or call 022-893060 (in Moldova) or 1-703-988-7104 in the USA.

To request an expedited appointment, please follow the instructions listed at: http://www.ustraveldocs.com/md/md-niv-expeditedappointment.asp.

To request an emergency appointment or for more case-specific inquiries, you may also send a written request to the Consular Section at ChisinauVisas@state.gov.

Address:

Str. Alexei Mateevici 103 Chisinau Moldova, MD-2009

Fax: (373-22) 226361

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Visa Appointment Wait Times:

It looks like the wait time for Moldova for the B visa is around 329 days. In order to expedite, applicants would need to have an emergency/humanitarian basis (while it should be evidence that there is an emergency, it is not the emergence at home that is considered – it is the basis of needing to come to the U.S. So for example, if the applicants need of medical care, based on what has happened there etc. Sadly stating trying to get away from the war could be considered "trying to move to the U.S." which is contradictory to the terms of the B visa, so this will have to be though through. Expedite requests can be submitted – see this link - Apply for a U.S. Visa | Apply for an Expedited Appointment - Moldova (English) (ustraveldocs.com).

