

Braceros Class Action Settlement CLAIM FORM INFORMATION

OVERVIEW:

The Mexican Farm Labor Program (popularly known as the “*Bracero*” Program) was a temporary contract labor program initiated by an exchange of diplomatic notes between the USA and Mexico. *Braceros* was the name given to about 400,000 Mexican laborers who were recruited to work in the farms and railroads of the United States during World War II.

About 10 percent of braceros’ wages was deducted from their paychecks for a “savings fund,” to be reimbursed to the workers upon their return to Mexico. Allegedly, not all workers had their funds returned to them.

The Mexican government has enacted legislation and agreed to settle a class action lawsuit brought by braceros to address the situation. These claim form materials explain how to submit a claim for a social award under the settlement if you are a bracero, living in the United States, and you are a Mexican national as evidenced by a Mexican passport, Mexican voting card or a Mexican Military Service card, who worked in the Braceros Program in the USA between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**, or if you are a surviving spouse or child of such a bracero and are a Mexican national or dual national living in the United States.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AWARD:

1. Deadlines. To qualify for a settlement award, you must complete and return a **CLAIM FORM** and all required **DOCUMENTS** on or before **DECEMBER 23, 2008**. All **CLAIM FORMS** and **DOCUMENTS** received after this date — regardless of the reason — will not be processed.

2. Your Documents. The documents you will need to submit with your Claim Form are listed on the Claim Form. They include a Mexican passport, a Mexican voting card or a Mexican Military Service card and proof of an eligible bracero’s participation in the Bracero Program. As explained on the Claim Form, **only “original” documents, or “certified” replacement copies**, will be accepted. For information about documents that must be “**apostilled,**” see paragraph 6 of these instructions.

3. Make and Keep Copies of Your Claim Form and Your Documents For Your Personal Records. You must submit your Claim Form and documents to one of the Mexican Consular offices in the United States or to the Consular Section of the Mexican Embassy in Washington, D.C. Addresses for these offices are provided below. When you submit your Claim Form, you must submit your Mexican passport, Mexican voting card or a Mexican Military Service card and, if you are the surviving spouse or child you should also submit an official identification. Consular officials receiving your submission will examine and copy your Mexican passport, Mexican voting card or a Mexican Military Service card and, when applicable, an official identification and return them to you immediately. But all other required documents (birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates) will be forwarded with your Claim Form to the Mexican Government agency entrusted with administering the Braceros Social Relief Fund and will not be returned to you. *It is recommended that you make and keep copies of all original documents for your personal records.*

4. Assistance. If you need assistance in completing the **CLAIM FORM** or compiling the required documents, call the toll free *Bracero Social Relief Fund Hotline* at: **1.877.436.9359**.

5. Where to Submit Your Claim Form and Documents. You must submit your CLAIM FORM and documents **in person** to the Consular Section of the Mexican Embassy in the United States or to **one** of the Mexican Consulates in the USA as listed below between October 23, 2008 and **DECEMBER 23, 2008**. Claim Forms and documents received before October 23, 2008 or after December 23, 2008 will not be processed. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR CLAIM FORM OR DOCUMENTS**. YOU MUST BRING YOUR CLAIM FORM AND DOCUMENTS IN PERSON TO CONSULAR SECTION OF THE EMBASSY OF MEXICO IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO ONE OF THE MEXICAN CONSULATES AS LISTED BELOW:

Consular Section of the Embassy of Mexico, Washington, D.C.
2827 16th. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009-4260

OR

Consulado de México en

Arizona

Douglas, 1201 F Avenue, Douglas, Arizona 85607
Tel: (520) 364-3142 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/douglas>
Nogales, 571 N. Grand Ave., Nogales, Arizona 85621
Tel: (520) 287-3381 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/nogales/>
Phoenix, 1990 W. Camelback, Suite 110, Phoenix, Arizona 85015
Tel: (602) 242-7398 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/phoenix/>
Tucson, 553 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, Arizona 85701
Tel: (520) 882-5595 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/tucson/>
Arkansas Little Rock, 3500 South University Ave., Little Rock, AR 72204
Tel: (501) 372-6933 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/littlerock/>

California

Calexico, 408 W. Heber Ave., Calexico, CA 92231
Tel: (760) 357-3863 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/calexico/>
Fresno, 2409 Merced St., Fresno, CA 93721
Tel: (559) 233-3065 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/fresno/>
Los Angeles, 2401 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, CA 90057
Tel: (213) 351-6800 <http://www.sre.gob.mx/losangeles/>
Oxnard, 3151 West Fifth Street E100, Oxnard, CA 93030
Tel: (805) 984-8738
Sacramento, 1010 8th St., Sacramento, CA 95814
Tel: (916) 441-3287 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/sacramento/>
San Bernadino, 293 North "D" Street, San Bernadino, CA 92401
Tel: (909) 889-9837 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/sacramento/>
San Diego, 1549 India St., San Diego, CA 92101
Tel: (619) 231-8414 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/sandiego/>
San Francisco, 532 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94105
Tel: (415) 354-1732 http://portal.sre.gob.mx/con_sanfrancisco/
San Jose, 540 North First St., San Jose, CA 95112
Tel: (408) 294-1954 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/sanjose/>
Santa Ana, 828 N. Broadway St., Santa Ana, CA 92701-3424
Tel: (714) 835-3069 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/santaana/>

Colorado

Denver, 48 Steele St., Denver, CO 80206
Tel: (303) 331-1110 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/denver/>

Florida

Miami, 5975 SW 72nd Street (Sunset Dr.), Suite 301-303, Miami, Florida 33143
Tel: (786) 268-4900 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/miami/>
Orlando, 100 West Washington St., Orlando, Florida 32801-2315
Tel: (407) 422-0514 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/orlando/>

Georgia

Atlanta, 2600 Apple Valley Rd, Atlanta, Georgia 30319
Tel: (404) 266-2233 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/atlanta/>

Illinois

Chicago, 204 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60607
Tel: (312) 855-1380 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/chicago/>

Indiana

Indianapolis, 39 West Jackson Place, Suite 103, Indianapolis, IN 46225
(317) 951-0005 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/indianapolis/>

Louisiana

New Orleans, 901 Convention Center Blvd., Suite 119, New Orleans, LA 70130
Tel: (504) 272-2198 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/nuevaorleans/>

Massachusetts

Boston, 20 Park Plaza, Suite 506, Boston, MA 02116
Tel: (617) 426-4181 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/boston/>

Michigan

Detroit, Penobscot Building, 645 Griswold Ave., Suite 830, Detroit, MI 48226
Tel: (313) 964-4515 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/detroit/>

Minnesota

Saint Paul, 797 East 7th St., Saint Paul, MN 55106
Tel: (651) 771 5494 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/saintpaul/>

Missouri

Kansas City, 1600 Baltimore, Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64108
Tel: (816) 556-0800 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/kansascity/>

Nebraska

Omaha, 3552 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68131-3210
Tel: (402) 595-1841 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/kansascity/>

Nevada

Las Vegas, 330 S. Fourth St., Las Vegas, NV 89101
Tel: (702) 383-0623 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/lasvegas/>

New Mexico

Albuquerque, 1610 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Tel: (505) 247-4177 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/albuquerque/>

New York

New York, 27 East 39th. St., New York, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 217-6400 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/nuevayork/>

North Carolina

Raleigh, 336 E. Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27609
Tel: (919) 754-0046 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/raleigh/>

Oregon

Portland, 1234 S.W. Morrison Street, Portland, OR 97205
Tel: (503) 274-1442 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/portland>

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, 111 S. Independence Mall East, Ste 310, The Bourse Bldg,
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Tel: (215) 922-4312 <http://www.sre.gob.mx/acerca/directorio/consulados/filadelfia.htm>

Texas

Austin, 800 Brazos Street, Suite 330, Austin, TX 78701
Tel: (512) 478-2866 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/austin/>
Brownsville, 301 Mexico Blvd., Suite F-2, Brownsville, TX 78520
Tel: (956) 542-4431 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/brownsville/>
Corpus Christi, 800 N. Shoreline Blvd. Suite 410, North Tower
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
Tel: (512) 882-3375
Dallas, 8855 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247
Tel: (214) 252-9250 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/dallas/>
Del Rio, 2398 Spur 239, Del Rio, TX 78840
Tel: (830) 775-2352 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/delrio/>
Eagle Pass, 2252 E. Garrison St Eagle Pass Texas 78852 Tel: (830)
773-9255 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/eaglepass/>
El Paso, 910 E. San Antonio Ave., El Paso, TX 79901
Tel: (915) 532-5540 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/elpaso/>
Houston, 4506 Caroline St., Houston, TX 77004
Tel: (713)-271-6800 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/houston/>
Laredo, 1612 Farragut St., Laredo, TX 78040
Tel: (956) 723-0990 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/laredo/>
McAllen, 600 S. Broadway St., McAllen, TX 78501

Tel: (956) 686-0244
Midland, 511 W. Ohio, Suite 121, Midland, TX 79701
Tel: (915) 687-2334
Presidio, Juarez Ave. and 21 de Marzo, Presidio, TX 79845 Tel:
(432) 229-2788 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/presidio/>
San Antonio, 127 Navarro St., San Antonio, TX 78205
Tel: (210) 227-9145 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/sanantonio/>

Utah

Salt Lake City, 155 South 300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
Tel: (801) 521-8502 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/saltlake/>

Washington

Seattle, 2132 Third Ave., Seattle, WA 98121
Tel: (206) 448-3526 <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/seattle/>

6. Submitting documents through Class Counsel. Class Counsel can also submit the Claim Form and Documents on your behalf, provided that he presents before the Consular Section of the Embassy of Mexico or the Mexican Consulates listed above, a letter of authorization signed by you before two witnesses. Copies of official IDs of you, Class Counsel and witnesses should be attached to the letter of authorization.

For information about how to present a Claim Form and Documents through the Class Counsel call the toll free *Bracero Social Relief Fund Hotline* at: **1.877.436.9359**.

7. Apostilled Documents. Certain documents that you may be required to submit with your claim must be “apostilled.” If an apostilled document is required, the Claim Form specifies that. An “apostille” is a form of governmental authentication of a document. You can generally get an apostille from the state office of the Secretary of State in your state. Below is more information, by state.

For **Arizona**,

www.azsos.gov/Business_Services/Forms/Notary/ApostilleRequest.pdf -

For **California**,

www.sos.ca.gov/business/notary/notary_authentication.htm

For **Colorado**,

http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/Bingo_Raffles/apostille.htm

For **Illinois**,

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/divisions.html

For **Nevada**,

<http://sos.state.nv.us/business/apostille/index.asp>

For **Indiana**,

<http://www.in.gov/sos/business/apostille/>

For **New Mexico**,

<http://www.sos.state.nm.us/sos-Apostille.html>

For **New York**,

<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/CORP/msrfaq.html>

For **Texas**,

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/authinfo.shtml>

For **Washington State**,

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/apostilles/>

For information about apostilles in other states, call 1 (877) 436 9359, toll free.

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SECTION A:

You must complete this section of the Claim Form.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____
Address: _____ Apt/Floor/Unit #: _____
City/State _____ Zip: _____

My Telephone Number: _____
My Email Address: _____

SECTION B: FOR BRACERO WORKERS

Complete this section ONLY if “YOU” were a paid worker in the *bracero* program.

If you were a *bracero* working in the United States of America between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**, you must provide the following documents with this CLAIM FORM. Place an **X** in the box next to each document you are submitting.

1. Submit one of the following:

- a. Mexican Passport or
- b. Mexican Voting card, or
- c. Mexican Military Service card

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2. Submit one of the following:

- a. Individual Work Contract, issued by a U.S. employer, indicating that you worked in the Bracero Program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**
- b. Proof of payment of wages by a U.S. employer, for your work in the Bracero Program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**
- c. Apostilled Social Security records showing payments derived from your work in the Braceros Program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**,
- d. Consular identification card (brown mica)

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DEADLINE: This form and the required documentation must be received by the Consular section of the Mexican Embassy in Washington, D.C., or the Mexican Consulates listed, on or before **DECEMBER 23, 2008**.

SECTION C: FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES

Complete this section ONLY if YOU are the SURVIVING SPOUSE of a *Bracero* Program participant.

If you are the surviving spouse of a *bracero* program participant who was employed between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**, you must provide the following documents with this CLAIM FORM. Place an **X** in the box next to each document you are submitting:

1. Submit official identification (yours). *Indicate type:*

2. Submit one of the following:

a. Your Mexican-issued passport, or

b. Mexican voting card, or

c. Mexican Military Service card

3. Submit your original or certified replacement Marriage Certificate (from your marriage to the deceased bracero).

4. Submit your spouse's Death Certificate (If issued outside of Mexico, the death certificate must be translated into Spanish by a certified translator and apostilled by the appropriate branch of government in the USA).

5. Submit one of the following:

a. Your deceased spouse's Individual Work Contract, issued by a U.S. employer, indicating your spouse worked in the Bracero Program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**;

b. Proof of payment of Wages by a U.S. employer, for your spouse's work in the Bracero Program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**;

c. Apostilled Social security records showing payments derived from your spouse's work in the Bracero Program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946**; or

d. Your spouse's consular identification card (brown mica)

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SECTION D: FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF BRACEROS

Complete this section ONLY if YOU are a SON or DAUGHTER of a deceased *Bracero* Program participant.

If you had a deceased parent who was a bracero between January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946, you must provide the following documents with this CLAIM FORM. Place an **X** in the box next to each document you are submitting.

1. Submit official Identification (yours). *Indicate type of ID:*

2. Submit your deceased parent's and his spouse's Death Certificates (if issued outside of Mexico, such death certificates must be translated into Spanish by a certified translator, and apostilled by the appropriate branch of government in the USA).

3. Submit your Birth Certificate

3. Submit one of the following: (*Indicate which you are submitting.*)

a. Your Mexican-issued passport, or

b. Mexican voting card, or

c. Mexican Military Service card

4. Submit proof that you are the executor or administrator of your parent's estate, or a notarized letter of agreement by all siblings designating you as the sole sibling authorized to file a claim under this Settlement, or a document issued by a Court certifying the existence of Estate proceedings of the deceased bracero before it.

5. Submit one of the following:

a. Your deceased parent's Individual Work Contract, issued by a U.S. employer, indicating your parent worked in the Bracero Program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946;**

b. Proof of payment of Wages by a U.S. employer, for your parent's work in the braceros program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946;**

c. Apostilled Social security records showing payments derived from your parent's work in the braceros program between **January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1946;** or

d. Your parent's consular identification card (brown mica)

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