EB-1A Evidence Mapping Checklist

Map each document to the criteria at 8 CFR 204.5(h)(3) before you draft.

You must satisfy at least three criteria to file. Use this worksheet to find gaps while there is still time to close them.

MATTER / CLIENT	PREPARED BY	DATE

CRITERION	IN FILE	STRENGTH	EVIDENCE TO REQUEST
1 **Awards** Nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence	☐	Select	
2 **Membership** Membership in associations requiring outstanding achievement	☐	Select	
3 **Published material** Published material about the beneficiary in professional or major media	☐	Select	
4 **Judging** Participation as a judge of the work of others	☐	Select	
5 **Original contributions** Original contributions of major significance in the field	☐	Select	
6 **Scholarly articles** Authorship of scholarly articles in professional journals or major media	☐	Select	
7 **Artistic exhibitions** Display of work at artistic exhibitions or showcases	☐	Select	
8 **Leading role** Leading or critical role for a distinguished organization	☐	Select	
9 **High salary** High salary or remuneration relative to others in the field	☐	Select	
10 **Commercial success** Commercial success in the performing arts	☐	Select	

Attorney review remains essential.

This worksheet organizes your file. It is not a determination of eligibility and it is not legal advice.

Gap Review and Next Steps

Complete after mapping. This is what turns a map into an action list.

Which criteria are you leading with?

List the three or more strongest criteria and the single best piece of evidence supporting each.

Which criteria look weaker than they first appear?

A criterion can look covered because a document mentions it, while the record never proves what the regulation actually requires.

Evidence request to send the client

Consolidate the request column from page one into a single list you can send today.

Open questions for attorney review

Anything requiring judgment before drafting begins.

> **Before you draft**
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> Confirm at least three criteria are genuinely supported, not just mentioned. Send the evidence request before drafting starts, so responses arrive while there is still time to use them.