

## What Are the Sponsor's Obligations?

- INA §213A(a)(1)(A): "the sponsor agrees to provide support to maintain the sponsored alien at an annual income that is not less than 125 percent of the Federal poverty line during the period in which the affidavit is enforceable."
- 8 CFR §213a.2(d): **Legally binding contract** against the sponsor, as well as any joint sponsor or contributing household member.
  - The sponsor's obligations do not begin *until* the intending immigrant obtains lawful permanent resident status.
  - This means that a sponsor may withdraw the Affidavit of Support at any time before the intending immigrant is granted permanent residence.
- INA §213A(d): If a sponsor moves, he or she must notify both USCIS and the state in which the sponsored immigrant resides within 30 days.
  - The sponsor does this by filing Form I-865, Sponsor's Change of Address.

**THE ABOVE LISTED INFORMATION IS ALSO APPLICABLE TO ALL JOINT SPONSORS WHO SIGN FORM I-864 AND ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO SIGN FORM I-864A)**