

# Joint Assistance Sponsorships (JAS)

## What are Joint Assistance Sponsorships?

A Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS) refers to a joint undertaking by the sponsoring group and Citizenship and Immigration Canada to sponsor a refugee(s) requiring special assistance to meet their needs and whose admissibility depends upon the additional support of a sponsor. Refugees sponsored under the JAS program are identified as having special needs that will likely result in a longer or more difficult period of integration.

Under the JAS program, Sponsorship Agreement Holders and their Constituent Groups work together with the government. The government provides financial assistance to the refugee while sponsoring groups provide community and emotional support and orientation, and ensure access to appropriate services.



**Only Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) and their Constituent Groups can sponsor refugees under the JAS program.**

## Who qualifies for JAS?

Someone who is a member of the Convention Refugee Abroad or Country of Asylum class refugee AND is expected to require greater or special settlement assistance due to the serious nature of personal circumstances such as large/unusual family configuration, trauma due to violence or torture, medical disability, and/or effects of systemic discrimination.

## What is the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP)?

RAP provides income support and immediate essential services to government-assisted refugees and humanitarian cases for which the federal government has undertaken a financial commitment. Financial entitlements under RAP are based on prevailing social services rate. The financial support provided to refugees under the JAS program is administered by the government through the RAP program.

## For how long are JAS refugees supported?

Most refugees under the JAS program are often provided support for 24 months after arrival; up to 36 months in exceptional circumstances.

### How do I find a refugee to sponsor?

JAS profiles are posted on a secured CIC website. Representatives of SAHs have access to the secured website, therefore please contact your SAH rep if you are looking for a JAS profile.

Your group can also submit a request for a refugee profile to your local CIC office should you want to be matched with a JAS case.

The Request for Refugee Profile form is available at:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/MM5504E.PDF>