

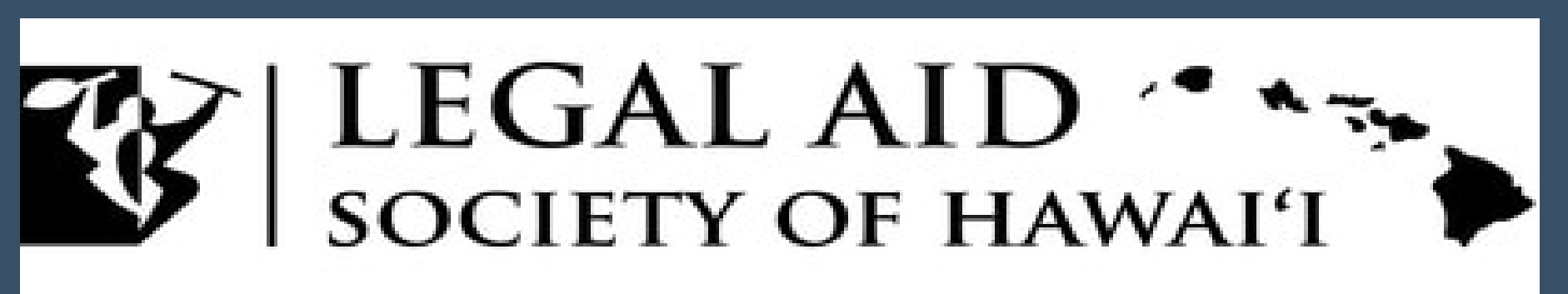


Know Your Rights: VAWA SELF PETITION

The Violence Against Women Act or 'VAWA' provides legal protections for immigrant victims of domestic violence. You can file an immigrant visa petition without the knowledge or help of your abuser. This is called a self-petition. If approved, you will be granted deferred action status and allowed to work in the United States. You can also apply for a green card.

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Eligibility Requirements



1

Marriage

You are married to a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holder) or your marriage to the abuser was terminated by death or a divorce (related to the abuse) within the last 2 years.

2

Abuse

You have suffered battery and/or extreme cruelty by your U.S. citizen or permanent resident spouse.

3

Good Faith

You married your spouse in good faith, i.e., for love, and not for any immigration benefit.

4

Residence

You lived with your spouse.

5

Moral

You are a person of good moral character.

Call the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid at (808) 536-4302 on Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays, between 9:00 – 11:30 AM or 1:00 – 3:30 PM for help. We provide free interpreters!

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