

**Note:** The following questions are just some suggested questions that are based on other people's experiences. You may skip or add to these questions as per your own and your children's' need.

### **Suggested questions for parents to discuss over the phone**

- Questions on nationality/citizenship: citizen by birth, by GC, by paper marriage etc...
- Immigration status: on GC or Visa type H-1, F-1, OPT, L-1, L-2, etc...proof?
- Approximate waiting time to get marry: 2-4 months, 5-8 months, 9-12 months??
- Educational documents: degrees from the universities mentioned in the biodata
- Job stability? Exact annual salary in dollars. Pay stub??
- Any health issues that may impact your future married life?
- Any unexpected/extra responsibilities after marriage so that your would be wife or would be husband is prepared to accept those extra responsibilities ahead of time. (Examples: extra financial dependency, a sick member in the family who will be dependent on you, etc...)
- Exact amount of any loan or debt, if you have. Such as: education loan, business loan, house loan.
- Any specific family guruji/babaji that you or your family believe in and/or any religious organization that you belong to? Such as: Swaminarayan, Brahma kumaris, ISKCON, etc... (Extent of your involvement or belief)
- If your family is in India, then after marriage what are your long term future plans of staying in the US?

### **Suggested questions for in-person conversation**

#### **A. sharing of ideas/plans between children getting married**

- Travelling for memories/fun etc...
- Lifestyle....exercise, veg, non veg, drinking, etc...
- Cooking skills etc..
- House chores etc...
- Knowledge and importance of Rajput culture etc...
- Religious knowledge etc...
- Work hours, job flexibility, job stability
- Plans of paying off the loans, Money management etc...
- Family planning: how many children, wait time to have children etc...
- Joint family, nuclear family etc...
- Views on sharing overall responsibilities

#### **B. More planning**

- Detailed & clear planning of the engagement, wedding, reception: number of guests, the type of food, the venue, the dates, budgeting finance, specific choices or demands etc...
- As parents the support you would be able to provide the newly wedded couple...
- When you become a grandparent, the kind of support you would be providing ...