

## Proof of Citizenship

To be eligible for federal financial aid, students must be a U.S. Citizen, or eligible non-citizen. The Social Security Administration did not confirm that you are a U.S. citizen. Please provide documentation of your U.S. citizenship.

Proof of Citizenship, or eligible non-citizen status, can include any one of the following:

- A Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)** issued by USCIS. Please submit this document and update your status with DHS at <https://uscis.gov/about-us/contact-us>
- A Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)** issued by USCIS to individuals who derive U.S. citizenship through a parent.
- A Birth Certificate** showing that the student was born in the U.S. (including Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, or the Northern Mariana Islands); unless the person was born to foreign diplomats residing in the U.S.
- A U.S. Passport** current or expired (including **wallet-sized passport card**), EXCEPT "limited" passports which were issues for a short period of the year. One-year duration U.S. Passports are NOT acceptable documentation.
- A copy of Form FS-240 (Consular Report of Birth Abroad), FS-545 (Certificate of birth issued by a foreign service post), or DS-1350 (Certification of Report of Birth)** issued by the State Department.
- A U.S. permanent resident with a **Permanent Resident Card (I-551)**, also known as a green card;
- Other eligible noncitizen with an **Arrival-Departure Record (I-94)** from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: "Refugee, Asylum Granted" Parolee (I-94 confirms that the student was paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or Cuban-Haitian Entrant.

Please submit a scan or copy of your citizenship document to our office, however new students need to bring their original document to the financial aid office by no later than the first week of class. Federal regulations require our office to review and make a copy from the original document before financial aid can be finalized and disbursed to a student's account. Additional information on this federal requirement is available online at:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>