

Proof of U.S. Citizenship

If you have been asked to provide proof of U.S. Citizenship as part of your financial aid requirements, please submit a copy of one of the following acceptable documents to verify your U.S. citizenship:

- **A copy of your birth certificate** showing that you were born in the U.S., which includes Puerto Rico (on or after January 13, 1941), Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, or the Northern Mariana Islands, unless you were born to foreign diplomats residing in the United States.
- **A U.S. passport**, current or expired. However, “limited”/ one-year-duration U.S. passports are NOT acceptable documentation.
 - **A wallet-sized passport card**, issued by the State Department, is accepted as it is a fully valid attestation of the U.S. citizenship and identity of the bearer.
- **A Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)** issued by USCIS (or, prior to 1991, a federal or state court), or through administrative naturalization after December 1990 to those who are individually naturalized.
- **A Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)** issued by USCIS to individuals who derive U.S. citizenship through a parent.
- **A copy of Form FS-240 (Consular Report of Birth Abroad), FS545 (Certificate of Birth Issued by a Foreign Service Post), or DS1350 (Certification of Report of Birth).** These are State Department documents.

PLEASE NOTE:

A social security card and/or driver’s license are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** for documenting citizenship or national status since non-citizens and nonnationals are permitted to acquire these forms of identification.