

U.S. Citizenship Status Information Sheet



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Citizenship

1. Do I have to bring in my documentation?

Some students are required to prove their citizenship. You may fax, email or drop off the required documents to the Financial Aid Office. If the document indicates you are eligible for Title IV funds, you will receive a financial aid award letter.

2. What documents are acceptable?

Please see the U.S. Citizen Acceptable Documents and Permanent Resident or other Eligible Non-U.S. Citizen Acceptable document sections.

3. I have lost my documents. What do I do?

Requests for replacement documents should be made to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Please review their website, uscis.gov, for further instructions on replacing citizenship documents.

4. Am I eligible for financial aid as an undocumented student, or DACA student?

No. Undocumented students, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students and Dreamers, are not eligible for federal student aid.

However, you may be eligible for state or college financial aid. Most states and colleges use information collected on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine whether you are eligible for aid. Your parents' citizenship status does not affect your eligibility to complete the FAFSA, as the FAFSA does not require parents' citizenship status.

U.S. Citizen Acceptable Documents (documents may be EXPIRED)

- Copy of U.S. Birth Certificate
- U.S. Passport (signed, expired or unexpired)
- U.S. Passport Card (expired or unexpired)
- Certificate of Naturalization (signed N-550 or N-570)

Permanent Resident or Other Eligible Non-U.S. Citizen Acceptable Documents

(All documents below must be UNEXPIRED)

- Permanent Resident Card (I-551, introduced 12/97, revised 2004 and 2010)
- Resident Alien Card (I-551, phased in Jan. 1977 and revised 1989)
- Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151, Issued prior to June 1978 to permanent residents)
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) – will appear in holder's (foreign) passport
(Needs to be endorsed with an admission stamp and the statement "Upon endorsement serves as temporary I-551 evidencing permanent residence for 1 year")
- United States Travel Document – Contains Reentry Permit (Form I-327) and Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571)
- CBP I-94A – Computer generated replaces, in many instances, but not all, the Form I-94 that was completed manually (student can access their most recent I-94 at <https://i94.cdp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home.>)
- I-94 Arrival – Departure Record