

Acceptable Documentation for U.S. Citizenship

All FAFSA applications are matched with Social Security records to verify name, date of birth, U.S. citizenship status, and the Social Security number (SSN). If your FAFSA has been flagged by the federal processor for citizenship verification, additional documents are required to complete your application.

Please submit documentation of your citizenship status by providing our office with one of the following documents. Please note: these documents must be submitted in person at the Student Financial Services Office **however a copy of your documentation will be accepted for an estimated award.**

- A copy of the your birth certificate showing that you were born in the United States, which includes Puerto Rico (on or after January 13, 1941), Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands (on or after January 17, 1917), American Samoa, Swains Island, or the Northern Mariana Islands, unless you were born to foreign diplomats residing in the U.S.
- A U.S. passport, current or expired, except limited passports (which are typically issued for short periods such as a year and which don't receive as much scrutiny as a regular passport when applying). In the case of nationals who are not citizens, the passport will be stamped "Noncitizen National."
- 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). These are State Department documents.
- A Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561) issued by USCIS to individuals who derive U.S. citizenship through a parent.
- 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