



ALAMO
COLLEGES

Office of Student Financial Aid

CITIZENSHIP CLARIFICATION INFORMATION

ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION:

1. Copy of birth certificate confirming student was born in one of the following locations:
 - United States
 - Puerto Rico
 - Guam
 - U.S. Virgin Islands
 - American Samoa
 - Swains Island
 - Northern Mariana Islands
2. Passport Card
3. A U.S. passport, current or expired
4. Five-year period passports
5. State Department Documents: 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).
6. A Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561) issued by USCIS to individuals who derive U.S. citizenship through a parent
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8. 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

DOCUMENTATION NOT ACCEPTED:

1. Social Security Card
2. Driver's License
3. "Limited" passports (typically issued for short periods such as a year)

*For students born abroad, a Birth Certificate is not acceptable documentation.

However, such students can document citizenship by providing a "Consular Report of Birth Abroad" (Form FS-240, which is *proof* of U.S. citizenship), a "Certification of Report of Birth" (Form DS-1350, which is *evidence* of U.S. citizenship and equivalent to a birth certificate), or a Certificate of Citizenship issued by U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS). If the birth of the student was registered with the American consulate or embassy in a foreign country before he turned 18, he can receive a copy of one of these by sending a written, notarized request to:

**U.S. Department of State
Passport Services Vital Records Section
1150 Passport Services PI 6th Floor
Dulles, VA 20189-1150
(202) 485-8300**