



Proof of U.S. Citizenship

In some cases, the Department of Education may not be able to verify a student's U.S. citizenship status with the Social Security Administration. To substantiate a student's U.S. citizenship status, please submit one of the following documents to the Financial Aid Office:

- 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.

NOTICE

A social security card and/or driver's license **are not** acceptable for documenting U.S. citizenship status.

Please contact the Financial Aid Office directly by emailing fnaid@gbc.edu or calling 302-225-6264 if you have additional questions or concerns about this process.