



## N-600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322

### Instructions

#### What Is This Form?

This form, the N-600K is an application for the naturalization of a child **who regularly resides outside the United States** and for the issuance of a certificate of citizenship to the child.

To request U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) forms, call our toll-free forms line at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also get USCIS forms and information about the immigration laws and regulations by calling **1-800-375-5283** or from the USCIS internet website at <http://www.uscis.gov>.

#### Who Should Use This Form?

The following individuals may use this form:

- A U.S. citizen parent seeking citizenship on behalf of a minor adopted or biological child under section 322 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (providing for citizenship through an application process for biological and adopted children who regularly reside outside of the United States and meet certain conditions while under the age of 18 years).
- If a U.S. citizen parent of a child who otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of INA 322 has died, a U.S. citizen parent of the U.S. citizen parent or a U.S. legal guardian can file this application at any time within five years of the U.S. citizen parent's death.

#### Who Can File This Form?

In the case of minor adopted or biological children (under 18 years) qualifying for citizenship under section 322 of the INA, the application must be filed by the U.S. citizen parent with legal and physical custody of the child.

In the case of an application filed by a U.S. citizen parent of a deceased citizen parent or of an application filed by a U.S. citizen legal guardian, the child does **not** have to be residing in the legal and physical custody of the applicant. The application can be filed and approved if the child is residing in the legal and physical custody of a person who does not object to the application.

This form should be filed only if the child:

- Will not yet have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday at the time of fulfilling all of the requirements for citizenship, including the required interview of United States citizen parent and the child, and
- Is a biological child who is a legitimate child or is a child who was legitimated, while in the legal custody of the legitimating parent(s), prior to reaching the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday **or**
- Is an adopted child who has a full and final adoption **and** the child either is the beneficiary of an approved I-600 or fulfilled the two-years legal custody, two-years joint residence requirements of INA section 101(b)(1)(E).

#### Who Should Not Use This Form?

Therefore this form should not be used for stepchildren, children who are not legitimate and children who were not legitimated prior to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Such children are not eligible for benefits under section 322 of the INA. Any person other than a citizen parent should not use this form except in cases in which a U.S. citizen parent has died.

#### What Is the Fee to Apply for a Certificate of Citizenship?

Except for a person who is requesting a certificate of citizenship for an adopted child, (checking **Part 2, Box A or C on the Form**), all applicants must pay the fee for this Form N-600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate, under section 322 of the INA - **\$255.00**.

For U.S. citizen parents, or a U.S. citizen grandparent or U.S. citizen legal guardian filing in lieu of a deceased U.S. citizen parent, filing on behalf of an adopted minor child under section 322 of the INA (checking **Part 2, Box B on the form**), the fee for this is **\$215.00**.

The fee must be paid at the time of filing the application. The fee is not refundable, even if the application is subsequently withdrawn.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order:

- The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency. **Do not mail cash.**