

## Affidavit of U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residence

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDing SCHOLARS Administration:

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that:

- I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** – I was born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof.
- I AM A NON-CITIZEN NATIONAL** – I was born in or have ties to the outlying U.S. possessions to American Samoa or Swains Island.
- I AM A PERMANENT RESIDENT** – I have been given privilege, according to U.S. immigration laws, of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant, and that this status has not been revoked, and has not been administratively or judicially determined to have been abandoned.

I have presented the following original legal documents as proof of U.S. citizenship/permanent residency:

- Birth Certificate** - Issued by a U.S. State (if the person was born in the United States), or by the U.S. Department of State (if the person was born abroad to U.S. citizen parents who registered the child's birth and U.S. citizenship with the U.S. Embassy or consulate); and official picture identification card.
- U.S. Passport** - Issued by the U.S. Department of State.
- Certificate of Citizenship** – Issued to a person born outside the United States who derived or acquired U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen parent; and official picture identification card.
- Naturalization Certificate** - Issued to a person who became a U.S. citizen after 18 years of age through the naturalization process.
- United States Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form 1-551)** – Issued by the U.S. Department of State.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, further certify that the above information is true and accurate and the attached supporting documentation are true copies of the originals which I have in my possession. I understand that if any of the information contained in this letter is false, I can be held accountable and penalized in a court of law.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

[Signee's Signature, in Presence of Notary]

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[Signee's Printed Name]

The aforementioned and supporting documents certifying legal U.S. citizenship or permanent residence was sworn to and subscribed before me on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public Signature

**Enclosure[s]: Documents required to prove U.S Citizenship/Permanent Residency.**

# **Proof of Citizenship/Lawful Permanent Residency**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All documents are subject to further verification with the issuing agency or source. Documents subject to verification may delay the issuance of your permit, driver license, identification only license, temporary driver license or temporary identification license.

**No photocopies will be accepted!**

## **Acceptable Documents for U.S. Citizenship**

- Official Birth Certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Swain's Island, Guam)  
**IMPORTANT:** Puerto Rican birth certificates issued **before** July 1, 2010 will not be recognized as proof of Lawful U.S. Citizenship beginning **November 1, 2010**.
- The government of Puerto Rico has provided information for citizens to apply for new birth certificates.
- U.S. Government-issued Certified Birth Certificate
- U.S. Certificate of Birth Abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545)
- Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the U.S. (FS-240)
- Valid, unexpired U.S. Passport
- Certificate of Citizenship (N560 or N561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (N550, N570 or N578)
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (I-197, I-179)

## **Acceptable Documents for Lawful Permanent Resident Status**

- Permanent Resident Alien Card (I-551)
- Foreign passport stamped by the U.S. Government indicating that the holder has been "Processed for I-551"
- Permanent resident Re-entry Permit (I-327)
- Arrival Departure Form I-94 with "Temporary I-551" stamp and holder's photograph affixed
- Travel Document issued to Permanent Residents (I-327)
- Travel Document issued to Refugees (I-571)
- Form I-94 stamped with one of the following statuses: Asylee, Parolee or Parole, Refugee, Asylum, HP-humanitarian parolee or PIP-public interest parolee

<http://www.tn.gov/safety/article/dlcitizen>