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Acceptable Citizenship Documents

- **U.S. Birth Certificate** -- A copy of the student's birth certificate showing that the student was 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 the person was born to foreign diplomats residing in the U.S. If a student has a birth certificate from a U.S. jurisdiction showing that the student was born abroad (i.e., not in the U.S. or its territories), that birth certificate is not acceptable documentation.
- **U.S. Passport** -- current or expired, (except "limited" passports, which are typically issued for short periods such as a year and which do not receive as much scrutiny as a regular passport when applying). In the case of nationals who are not U.S. citizens, the passport will be stamped "Noncitizen National". Five-year-duration U.S. passports (commonly issued to younger students) are considered acceptable documentation, and are not considered "limited". **Passport cards** are also acceptable; however, one-year-duration U.S. passports are NOT acceptable documentation.
- **Passport Card** -- a wallet-sized passport card, issued by the State Department, is a fully valid attestation of the U.S. citizenship and identity of the bearer, but can only be used for land and sea travel between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.
- **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.
- **Certificate of Birth Abroad**—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.
- **Certificate of Citizenship** -- **N-560 or N-561** issued by USCIS to individuals who derive U.S. citizenship through a parent.
- **Consular Report of Birth Abroad -- Form FS-240, FS- 545 (Certificate of birth issued by a foreign service post), or DS- 1350 (Certification of Report of Birth)**. These are State Department documents.