

Acceptable Eligible Noncitizen Documentation

- **Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551 since 1997) or Resident Alien Card (Form I-551 before 1997).** Both forms are referred to colloquially as “green cards,” though they have changed colors over the years. Both forms are referred to colloquially as “green cards,” though they have changed colors over the years. If you have the older **Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-151, issued prior to June 1978)**, you should have replaced it with a newer card, but for receiving Federal Student Aid funds, it is acceptable as evidence of permanent residence.
- **Arrival/Departure Record (CBP Form I-94) or the Departure Record (Form I-94A, with the endorsement “Processed for I-551. Temporary Evidence of Lawful Admission for Permanent Residence. Valid until _____ . Employment Authorized.”** This is used at land border ports of entry. If available, an I-551 (also known as a “green card”) is preferable to establish Lawful Permanent Resident status. The form will have an ARN annotated on it and is acceptable if the expiration date has not passed.
- **Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV)** in the holder’s passport. The MRIV will have a U.S. CBP inspector admission stamp, and the statement “UPON ENDORSEMENT SERVES AS TEMPORARY I-551 EVIDENCING PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR 1 YEAR” will appear directly above the machine readable section. An MRIV with this statement, contained in an unexpired foreign passport and endorsed with the admission stamp, constitutes a temporary I-551, valid for one year from the date of endorsement on the stamp.
- **I-797 Approval Notice from USCIS** -- A student who has an approved application for permanent residence on file with the USCIS and who is waiting for a permanent resident card should have an **I-797 Approval Notice from USCIS** indicating such, as well as an alien number, which will give notice of current status. Note that an **application** for permanent resident status alone is not sufficient for determining eligibility for Federal Student Aid funds.
- **Permanent Resident Re-entry Permit (I-327)** -- Your United States travel document annotated with “Permit to Reenter Form I-327” and the **Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571)** which is used by lawful permanent residents, as well as refugees and asylees.
- **Victims of human trafficking** can provide -- student’s certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) or an **I-94 with a T1, T2, T3, or T COA code**. A spouse, child, or parent of a victim of human trafficking will not have a certification letter so can provide a **T-visa (e.g. T2 or T3)**.