

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 16.** Click here to see the new provisions: [Special Requirements for Children Under Age 16.](#)

**(1) PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP**

(a) **APPLICANTS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES.** Submit previous U.S. passport and certified birth certificate. A birth certificate must include your given name and surname, date and place of birth, date the birth record was filed, and seal or other certification of the official custodian of such records. A record filed more than 1 year after the birth is acceptable if it is supported by evidence described in the next paragraph.

IF NO BIRTH RECORD EXISTS, submit registrar's notice to that effect. Also submit an early baptismal or circumcision certificate, hospital birth record, early census, school, or family Bible records, newspaper or insurance file knowledge of your birth (preferably with at least one record listed above). Evidence should include your given name and surname, date and place of birth, seal or other certification of office (if customary) and signature of issuing official.

b) **APPLICANTS BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.** Submit previous U.S. passport or Certificate of Naturalization, or Certificate of Citizenship, or a Report of Birth Abroad, or evidence as described below.

IF YOU CLAIM CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION OF PARENT(S), submit the Certificate(s) of Naturalization of your parent(s), your foreign birth certificate (translated into English), proof of your admission to the United States for permanent residence, and your parents' marriage license (also translated into English).

IF YOU CLAIM CITIZENSHIP THROUGH BIRTH ABROAD TO U.S. CITIZEN PARENT(S), submit a Consular Report of Birth (Form FS-240) or Certification of Birth (Form DS-1350 or FS-545), or your foreign birth certificate, parents' marriage certificate, proof of citizenship of your parent(s), and affidavit of U.S. citizen parent(s), and affidavit of U.S. citizen parent(s) showing all periods and places of residence/physical presence in the United States and abroad before your birth.