

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Citizenship

### 1. Do I have to bring in my document?

Students required to prove citizenship may fax or email copies of documents. If the document indicates they are eligible for Title IV funds they will receive a financial aid package. However, funds will not disburse until the student presents the original document to the financial aid office and an authorized staff member reviews the document. Please see the U.S. Citizen Acceptable Documents and Permanent Resident or other Eligible Non-U.S. Citizen sections.

Students may submit a Citizenship/Immigration Documentation Affidavit if in an online program, or on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid Services.

### 2. What documents are acceptable?

Please see the U.S. Citizen Acceptable Documents and Permanent Resident or other Eligible Non-U.S. Citizen sections.

### 3. I have lost my documents. What do I do?

Requests for replacement documents should be made to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Please review their website, [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov), for further instructions on replacing citizenship documents.

### 4. Am I eligible for financial aid as an undocumented student, or DACA student?

No. Undocumented students, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students and Dreamers, are not eligible for federal student aid. However, you may be eligible for state or college financial aid. Most states and colleges use information collected on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine whether you are eligible for aid. Your parents' citizenship status does not affect your eligibility to complete the FAFSA, as the FAFSA does not require parents' citizenship status.

In Connecticut, In-State Tuition Bill #HB6844 provides in-state tuition rates without citizenship documentation to DACA students who attend at least two years of high school-level education in Connecticut, and who live in the state. Since deferred action does not confer lawful permanent resident status or a path to citizenship, DACA students are not eligible for federal, state, or institutional aid at the University of Connecticut.

## U.S. Citizen Acceptable Documents (documents may be EXPIRED)

- Copy of U.S. Birth Certificate
- U.S. Passport (signed, expired or unexpired)
- U.S. Passport Card (expired or unexpired)
- Certificate of Naturalization (signed)

## Permanent Resident or Other Eligible Non-U.S. Citizen (all documents below must be UNEXPIRED)

- Permanent Resident Card (I-551, introduced 12/97, revised 2004 and 2010)
- Resident Alien Card (I-551, phased in Jan. 1977 and revised 1989)
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) – will appear in holder's (foreign) passport  
*(Needs to be endorsed with an admission stamp and the statement "Upon endorsement serves as temporary I-551 evidencing permanent residence for 1 year")*
- United States Travel Document – Contains Reentry Permit (Form I-327) and Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571)
- CBP I-94A – Computer generated replaces, in many instances, but not all, the Form I-94 that was completed manually (student can access their most recent I-94 at <https://i94.cdp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>.)
- I-94 Arrival – Departure Record

For additional information, visit [financialaid.uconn.edu/citizenship](https://financialaid.uconn.edu/citizenship), or contact the Office of Student Financial Aid Services at 860-486-2819.