

Citizenship Status Confirmation

The U.S. Department of Education conducts a match with the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to insure that all students being processed for federal financial aid are either U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens.



Your record has been flagged because your citizenship status could not be confirmed.

You will need to provide proof of your citizenship status to the Financial Aid Office at Isothermal Community College. Listed below are the items that are considered acceptable documentation of your status. In some instances, a copy of your documentation must be sent to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to undergo what is known as secondary confirmation. This process is simply to verify that the document is indeed valid. Please note that secondary confirmation can take up to 60 days to process and your financial aid cannot be processed until confirmation is complete. It will be to your advantage to provide the Financial Aid Office with the appropriate document as quickly as possible.

Citizens not born in the U.S. or Noncitizen Nationals

- **A copy of the student's birth certificate** showing that she was born in the United States, which includes Puerto Rico (on or after Jan. 13, 1941), Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands (on or after Jan. 17, 1917), American Samoa, Swain's Island, or the Northern Mariana Islands, unless the person was born to foreign diplomats residing in the U.S.
- **A U.S. passport** (current or expired), except limited passports, which are issued for periods of less than five years. In the case of nationals who are not citizens, the passport will be stamped "Noncitizen National."
- **A copy of Form FS-240** (Consular Report of Birth Abroad), **FS545** (Certificate of birth issued by a foreign service post), or **DS1350** (Certification of Report of Birth). These are State Department documents.
- **A Certificate of Citizenship** (N-560 or N-561), issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to individuals who derive U.S. citizenship through a parent.
- **A Certificate of Naturalization** (N-550 or N-570), issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service through a federal or state court, or through administrative naturalization after December 1990 to those who are individually naturalized.

Permanent Residents or Other Eligible Noncitizens

- **I-94 Arrival-Departure Record** - For permanent resident status, must be stamped "Processed for I-551" with expiration date or "Temporary Form I-551" with appropriate information filled in. For other eligible noncitizens, must be stamped as Refugee, Asylum Status, Conditional Entrant (before April 1, 1980), Parolee, or Cuban-Haitian Entrant.
- **Alien Registration Receipt Card I-151** - Issued prior to June 1978 to permanent residents. No longer issued but valid indefinitely. Often referred to as a "green card" though it is not always green.
- **Resident Alien Card I-551** - Issued to permanent residents. The I-551 is a revised version of the I-151. The "Conditional Resident Alien Card" is an I-551 that is issued to conditional permanent residents such as alien spouses. This card is identified by a "C" on the front and has an expiration date on the back.