

To be eligible for federal financial aid, students must be a U.S. Citizen, or eligible non-citizen. Additional information on this federal requirement is available here:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>

Typically, a student only needs to provide documentation if our office is specifically requesting the proof of citizenship. Please review your “Documents” tab in the Financial Aid Student Tracking System (FASTS):

<http://www.goucher.edu/fast>

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If our office is requesting Proof of Citizenship, then you will look to your own records for this documentation. Proof of Citizenship, or eligible non-citizen status, can include any one of the following:

- Copy of student’s birth certificate showing birth in The U.S.
- U.S. Passport
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Permanent Resident / Resident Alien card (I-551)
- Arrival / Departure Record (I-94)

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**Federal regulations require our office to review and make a copy from the original document.**

Please submit a copy of your citizenship document to our office, however ***students must bring their original document to the financial aid office by no later than the first week of class.***