

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>

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

**Federal regulations require our office to review and make a copy from the original document before financial aid can be finalized and disbursed to a student's account.**

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If you have any questions, or you are not a local student in an online course of study then please [contact our office](#) for additional instructions.

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