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PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP

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All documentation submitted as evidence of U.S. Citizenship will be returned to the applicant. Evidence documents will either arrive with the issued passport or in a separate mailing to the applicant.Â You may prove U.S. Citizenship with any one of the following:
 - Previous U.S. Passport (mutilated, altered, or damaged passports are not acceptable as evidence of U.S. citizenship.)
 - Certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state

NOTE: A certified birth certificate has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed or multicolored seal, registrarâ€™s signature, and the date the certificate was filed with the registrar's office, which must be within 1 year of your birth.Â Please note that some short (abstract) versions of birth certificates may not be acceptable for passport purposes.
 - Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth
 - Naturalization Certificate
 - Certificate of Citizenship

FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 16: The citizenship evidence submitted for minors under the age of 16 must list both parents' names. Read more information on the citizenship requirements for minors under the age of 16.

PROOF OF IDENTITY

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You may prove your identity with any one of these, if you are recognizable:
 - Previous U.S. passport (mutilated, altered, or damaged passports are not acceptable as proof of identity.)
 - Naturalization Certificate

 - Current, valid
 - Driver's license
 - Government ID: city, state or federal
 - Military ID: military and dependents

NOTE:Â Your Social Security Card does NOT prove your identity. If none of these are available, you will need:
 - Some signature documents, not acceptable alone as ID
(ex: a combination of documents, such as your Social Security card, credit card, bank card, library card, etc.) AND
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 - A person who can vouch for you. He/she must:
 - Have known you for at least 2 years,
 - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident,
 - Have valid ID, and
 - Fill out a Form DS-71 in the presence of a passport agent.

FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 16: Each minor child shall appear in person. Both parents or legal guardians must present evidence of identity when they apply for a minor under the age of 16. Read more information on the identity requirements for minors under the age of 16.

TWO (2 X 2) PHOTOS

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Your photographs must be:
 - 2x2 inches in size

- Identical
- Taken within the past 6 months, showing current appearance
- Color
- Full face, front view with a plain white or off-white background
- Between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head
- Taken in normal street attire
- Uniforms should not be worn in photographs except religious attire that is worn daily.
- Do not wear a hat or headgear that obscures the hair or hairline.
- If you normally wear prescription glasses, a hearing device, wig or similar articles, they should be worn for your picture.
- Dark glasses or nonprescription glasses with tinted lenses are not acceptable unless you need them for medical reasons. A medical certificate may be required.

FEES

Passport Book:
 - Adult (16 yrs & older) Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $135
 - Minors (Birth â€" 15 yrs) Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $105
 - Adult Renewal Â $110

Passport Card:
 - Adult (16 yrs & older) Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $55
 - Minors (Birth â€" 15 yrs) Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $40
 - Adult Passport Book Holders Â Â $30

If you apply for both documents at the same time, Cost for First Time Applicants:
 - Adult (16 yrs & older) Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $165
 - Minors (Birth â€" 15 yrs) Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $120

Expedite Service: Â $ 60

For Overnight Delivery, please submit:
 - A check or money order for $14.85 for sending application and
 - One (1) express mail stamp for returning passport

File Search Fee: Â $150

Additional Visa pages: Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â $82

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