



U.S. Department of State
APPLICATION FOR A U.S. PASSPORT

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Please print legibly using black ink only. If you make an error, complete a new form. Do not correct or white out.

For information or questions, visit travel.state.gov or contact the National Passport Information Center (NPIC) at 1-877-487-2778 (TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793) or NPIC@state.gov.

SECTION A. ELIGIBILITY TO USE THIS FORM

This form is used to apply for a U.S. passport book and/or card **in person** at an acceptance facility, a passport agency (by appointment only), or a U.S. embassy, consulate, or consular agency (if abroad). The U.S. passport is a travel document attesting to one's identity and issued to U.S. citizens or non-citizen U.S. nationals. To be eligible to use this form you must **apply in person** if at least one of the following is true:

- ✓ I am applying for my first U.S. passport
- ✓ I am under age 16
- ✓ My previous U.S. passport was either: a) issued under age 16; b) issued more than 15 years ago; c) lost, stolen, or damaged

If none of the above statements apply to you, then you may be eligible to apply using form DS-82 or DS-5504 depending on your circumstances.

NOTE: You may be ineligible to receive a passport if you owe child support or have unpaid federal taxes. [Visit travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) for more information.

- **Notice to Applicants Under Age 16:** You must appear in person to apply for a U.S. passport with your parent(s) or legal guardian(s). See Section D of these instructions or travel.state.gov for more details.
- **Notice to Applicants Ages 16 and 17:** At least one of your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must know that you are applying for a U.S. passport. See Section D of these instructions or travel.state.gov for more details.
- **Notice to Applicants for No-Fee Regular, Service, Official, or Diplomatic Passports:** You may use this application if you meet all provisions listed; however, you must consult your sponsoring agency for instructions on proper routing procedures before forwarding this application. Your completed passport will be released to your sponsoring agency and forwarded to you.

SECTION B. STEPS TO APPLY FOR A U.S. PASSPORT

1. Complete this form (Do not sign until requested to do so by an authorized agent).
2. Attach one color photograph 2x2 inches in size and supporting documents (See Section D of these instructions).
3. Schedule appointment to apply in person by visiting our website or calling NPIC (see contact info at the top page).
4. Arrive for appointment and present completed form and attachments to the authorized agent who will administer the oath, witness you signing your form, and collect your passport fee.
5. Track application status online at Passportstatus.state.gov.
6. Receive new passport and original supporting documents (that you submitted with your application).

SECTION C. HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

Please see the instructions below for items on the form that are not self-explanatory. The numbers match the numbered items of the form.

1. **Name (Last, First, Middle):** Enter the name to appear in the passport. The name to appear in the passport should be consistent with your proof of citizenship and identification. If you have changed your name and are not eligible to use a DS-82 or DS-5504, you must use this form. Visit travel.state.gov/namechange for more information.
2. **Date of Birth:** Use the following format: Month, Date, and Year (MM/DD/YYYY).
3. **Sex:** You must select sex marker option "M" (male) or "F" (female) that corresponds with your biological sex at birth.
4. **Place of Birth:** Enter the name of the city and state if in the U.S. or city and country as presently known.
5. **Social Security Number:** You must provide a Social Security number (SSN), if you have been issued one, in accordance with Section 6039E of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6039E) and 22 U.S.C. 2714a(f). If you do not have a Social Security number, you must enter zeros in this field and submit a statement, signed, and dated, that includes the phrase, *"I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the following is true and correct: I have never been issued a Social Security Number by the Social Security Administration."* If you reside abroad, you must also provide the name of the foreign country where you reside. The U.S. Department of State must provide your SSN and foreign residence information to the U.S. Department of the Treasury which will use it in connection with debt collection and check against lists of persons ineligible or potentially ineligible to receive a U.S. passport, among other authorized uses. If you fail to provide the information, we may deny your application and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may enforce a penalty. Refer all questions on this matter to the nearest IRS office.
6. **USCIS Registration A-Number (A-Number):** Enter your nine-digit number (if applicable). If you do not have an A-Number, leave this field blank.
7. **Email Address:** By providing your email address, you give us approval to send you email messages about the status of your passport and important travel information.
8. **Mailing Address Line 1 and 2 "In Care Of":** For line 1 enter applicant's Street/RFD #, **or** P.O. Box **or** URB **or** Apt/Suite #. For line 2, if you do not live at the address listed in this field, put the name of the person who lives at this address and mark it "In Care Of". **If the applicant is a minor child, you must include the "In Care Of" name of the parent or adult registered to receive mail at this address.**
9. **Primary Contact Phone Number and List All Other Names You Have Used:** By providing your primary phone number, you give us approval to send you (text and/or SMS) messages about the status of your passport and important travel information. Also, enter all legal names previously used to include maiden name, name changes, and previous married names. You can enter up to two names one in section A and one in section B. If you need more space to write additional names, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form.)

Bottom Section of Application Page 1 - Identifying Documents and Signature Blocks: Skip this section and complete Application Page 2.
NOTE: Do not sign this form until requested to do so by the authorized agent who will administer the oath to you.



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SECTION D. ATTACHMENTS TO SUBMIT WITH THIS FORM

Once you have completed Application Pages 1 and 2, attach the supporting documents as outlined in this section.

1. PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP Information can be found on travel.state.gov/citizenship.

Applicants Born in the United States

Your evidence will be returned to you if it is not damaged, altered, or forged. Submit an original or certified copy and a photocopy of the front and back if there is printed information on the back, of one of the following documents:

- U.S. Birth Certificate that meets all the following requirements:
 - Issued by the city, county, or state of birth
 - Lists your full name, date of birth, and birthplace
 - Lists your parent(s)' full names
 - Lists date filed with registrar's office (must be within one year of birth)
 - Shows registrar's signature and the seal of the issuing authority
 - Lists your biological sex at birth
- Fully valid, undamaged U.S. passport (may be expired)
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth Abroad
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- Secondary documents may be submitted if the U.S. birth certificate was filed more than one year after your birth **or** if no birth record exists. For no birth record on file, submit a registrar's letter to that effect. For both scenarios, submit a combination of the evidence listed below, with your first and last name, birthdate and/or birthplace, the seal or other certification of the office (if customary), and the signature of the issuing official.
 - A hospital birth record
 - An early baptismal or circumcision certificate
 - Early census, school, medical, or family Bible records
 - Insurance files or published birth announcements (such as a newspaper article)
 - Notarized affidavits (or DS-10, Birth Affidavit) of older blood relatives having knowledge of your birth may be submitted in addition to some of the records listed above.

Applicants Born Outside the United States

If we determine that you are a U.S. citizen, your lawful permanent resident card submitted with this application will be forwarded to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- Claiming Citizenship through Naturalization of One or Both Parent(s), submit all the following:
 - Your parent(s) Certificate(s) of Naturalization
 - Your parents' marriage/certificate and/or evidence that you were in the legal and physical custody of your U.S. citizen parent, if applicable
 - Your foreign birth certificate (and official translation if the document is not in English)
 - Your evidence of admission to the United States for legal permanent residence and proof you subsequently resided in the United States
- Claiming Citizenship through Birth Abroad to At Least One U.S. Citizen Parent, submit all the following:
 - Your Consular Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240), Certification of Birth (Form DS-1350 or FS-545), or your foreign birth certificate (and official translation if the document is not in English)
 - Your parent's proof of U.S. citizenship
 - Your parents' marriage certificate
 - Affidavit showing all your U.S. citizen parents' periods and places of residence and physical presence before your birth (DS-5507)
- Claiming Citizenship Through Adoption by a U.S. Citizen Parent(s), if your birthdate is on or after October 5, 1978, submit evidence of all the following:
 - Your permanent residence status
 - Your full and final adoption
 - You were in the legal and physical custody of your U.S. citizen parent(s)
 - You have resided in the United States

2. PROOF OF IDENTITY Information can be found at travel.state.gov/identification.

Present your original identification and submit a front and back photocopy with this form. It must show a photograph that is a good likeness of you. Examples include:

- Driver's license (not temporary or learner's permit)
- Previous or current U.S. passport book/card
- Military identification
- Federal, state, or city government employee identification
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship

3. A RECENT COLOR PHOTOGRAPH See the full list of photo requirements on travel.state.gov/photos.

Attach one photo, 2x2 inches in size. U.S. passport photo requirements may differ from photo requirements of other countries. To avoid processing delays, be sure your photo meets all the following requirements (Refer to the photo template on Application Page 1):

- Taken less than six months ago
- Head must be 1-1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head
- Head must face the camera directly with full face in view
- No eyeglasses and head covering and no uniforms*
- Printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper
- Use a plain white or off-white background

*Head coverings are not acceptable unless you submit a signed statement verifying that it is part of recognized, traditional religious attire that is customarily or required to be worn continuously in public or a signed doctor's statement verifying its daily use for medical purposes. Glasses or other eyewear are not acceptable unless you submit a signed statement from a doctor explaining why you cannot remove them (e.g., during the recovery period from eye surgery). Photos are to be taken in clothing normally worn on a daily basis. You cannot wear a uniform, clothing that looks like a uniform, or camouflage attire.



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4. PROOF OF PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP (FOR APPLICANTS UNDER AGE 16)

Parents/guardians must appear in person with the child and submit the following:

- Evidence of the child's relationship to parents/guardian(s) (Example: a birth certificate or Consular Report of Birth Abroad listing the names of the parent(s)/guardian(s) and child)
- Original parental/guardian government-issued photo identification and a photocopy of the front and back (to satisfy proof of identity)

If only one parent/guardian can appear in person with the child, you must also submit one of the following:

- The second parent's notarized written statement or DS-3053 (including the child's full name and date of birth) consenting to the passport issuance for the child. The notarized statement cannot be more than three months old, must be signed and notarized on the same day, and must come with a front and back photocopy of the second parent's government-issued photo identification.
- The second parent's death certificate (if second parent is deceased)
- Evidence of sole authority to apply (Example: a court order granting sole legal custody or a birth certificate listing only one parent)
- A written statement (made under penalty of perjury) or DS-5525 explaining, in detail, why the second parent cannot be reached

OR

PROOF OF PARENTAL AWARENESS (FOR APPLICANTS AGES 16 AND 17)

We may request the consent of one legal parent/legal guardian to issue a U.S. passport to you. In many cases, the passport authorizing officer may be able to ascertain parental awareness of the application by virtue of the parent's presence when the minor submits the application or a signed note from the parent or proof the parent is paying the application fees. However, the passport authorizing officer retains discretion to request the legal parent's/legal guardian's notarized statement of consent to issuance (e.g., on Form DS-3053).

5. FEES Passport service fees are established by law and regulation (see 22 U.S.C. 214, 22 C.F.R. 22.1, and 22 C.F.R. 51.50-56) and are collected at the time you apply for the passport service. By law, the passport fees are **non-refundable**. Visit travel.state.gov/passportfees for current fees, payment methods, and how fees are used and processed. Additional fee information is as follows:

- The execution fee **must be paid separately** and made payable to the acceptance facility in the payment method they accept.
- If applying outside the United States: Please see the website of your embassy, consulate, or consular agency for acceptable payment methods.

Other Services Requiring Additional Fee (Visit travel.state.gov for more details):

- **Expedite Service**: Only available for passports mailed in the United States and Canada.
- **1-2 Day Delivery**: Only available for passport book (and not passport card) mailings in the United States.
- **Verification of a previous U.S. Passport or Consular Report of Birth Abroad**: Upon your request, we verify previously issued U.S. passport or Consular Report of Birth Abroad if you are unable to submit evidence of U.S. citizenship.
- **Special Issuance Passports**: If you apply for a no-fee regular, service, official, or diplomatic passport at a designated acceptance facility, you must pay the execution fee. No other fees are charged when you apply.

SECTION E. HOW TO SUBMIT THIS FORM

Submitting your form depends on your location and how soon you need your passport.

- **Applicant Located Inside the United States**: For the latest information regarding processing times, scheduling appointments, and nearest designated acceptance facilities visit travel.state.gov or contact NPIC.
- **Applicant Located Outside the United States**: In most countries, you must apply in person at a U.S. embassy or consulate for all passport services. Each U.S. embassy and consulate has different procedures for submitting and processing your application. Visit travel.state.gov to check the U.S. embassy or consulate webpage for more information.

SECTION F. RECEIVING YOUR PASSPORT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- **Difference Between U.S. Passport Book and Card**: The book is valid for international travel by air, land, and sea. The card is not valid for international air travel, only for entry at land border crossings and seaports of entry when traveling from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean. The maximum number of letters provided for your given name (first and middle) on the card is 24 characters. If both your given names are more than 24 characters, you must shorten one of your given names you list on item #1 of Application Page 1.
- **Separate mailings**: You may receive your newly issued U.S. passport book and/or card and your citizenship evidence in two separate mailings. If you are applying for both a book and card, you may receive three separate mailings: one with your returned evidence, one with your newly issued book, and one with your newly issued card. **All documentary evidence that is not damaged, altered, or forged will be returned to you.** Photocopies will not be returned.
- **Passport numbers**: Each newly issued passport book or card will have a different passport number than your previous one.
- **Shipping and Delivery Changes**: If your mailing address changes prior to receipt of your new passport, please contact NPIC. **NOTE**: We will not mail a U.S. passport to a private address outside the United States or Canada.
- **Passport Corrections, Non-Receipt/Undeliverable Passports, and Lost/Stolen Passport**: For more information visit travel.state.gov or contact NPIC.



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WARNING

False statements made knowingly and willfully in passport applications, including affidavits or other documents submitted to support this application, are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under U.S. law including the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001, 18 U.S.C. 1542, and/or 18 U.S.C. 1621. Alteration or mutilation of a passport issued pursuant to this application is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1543. The use of a passport in violation of the restrictions contained herein or of passport regulations is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under 18 U.S.C. 1544. All statements and documents are subject to verification.

Failure to provide information requested on this form, including your Social Security number, may result in significant processing delays and/or the denial of your application.

ACTS OR CONDITIONS

The applicant agrees with the following statement:

I am not currently required to register under the sex offender registration program of any jurisdiction for a sex offense against a minor. I have not been convicted of a federal or state drug offense or convicted of a statutory "sex tourism" crime, and I am not the subject of an outstanding federal, state, or local warrant of arrest for a felony; a criminal court order forbidding my departure from the United States; or a subpoena received from the United States in a matter involving federal prosecution for, or grand jury investigation of, a felony.

If any of the above-mentioned acts or conditions have been performed by or apply to the applicant, a supplementary explanatory statement under oath (or affirmation) by the applicant is required to be attached and made part of this application.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITIES: Collection of this information is authorized by 22 U.S.C. 211 a et seq.; 8 U.S.C. 1104; 26 U.S.C. 6039E, 22 U.S.C. 2714a(f), Section 236 of the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001; Executive Order 11295 (August 5, 1966); and 22 C.F.R. parts 50 and 51.

PURPOSE: We are requesting this information in order to determine your eligibility to be issued a U.S. passport. Your Social Security number is used to verify your identity.

ROUTINE USES: This information may be disclosed to another domestic government agency, a private contractor, a foreign government agency, or to a private person or private employer in accordance with certain approved routine uses. These routine uses include, but are not limited to, law enforcement activities, employment verification, fraud prevention, border security, counterterrorism, litigation activities, and activities that meet the Secretary of State's responsibility to protect U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals abroad. Your Social Security number will be provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and may be used in connection with debt collection, among other purposes authorized and generally described in this section. More information on the routine uses for the system can be found in System of Records Notices State-05, Overseas Citizen Services Records and Other Overseas Records and State-26, Passport Records.

DISCLOSURE: Providing information on this form is voluntary. Be advised, however, that failure to provide the information requested on this form may cause delays in processing your U.S. passport application and/or could also result in the refusal or denial of your application. Failure to provide your Social Security number may result in the denial of your application (consistent with 22 U.S.C. 2714a(f)) and may subject you to penalty enforced by the Internal Revenue Service, as described in the Federal Tax Law on Instruction Page 1 (Section C) to this form.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 85 minutes per response, including the time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary data, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: Passport Forms Officer, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support, 44132 Mercure Cir, PO Box 1199, Sterling, Virginia 20166-1199.

For more information about your application status, online tools, current fees, and processing times, please visit travel.state.gov.

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