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- · Having an attorney review your application and provide legal assistance
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- -Drivers License or any other photo ID
- -Social Security card
- -Two passport-style photos
- -List of home addresses for the past 5 years and the dates (month/year) when you lived at that address
- -List of employer or school names and addresses for the past 5 years and the dates (month/year) you were there
- -Dates (month/day/year) you travelled outside of the U.S. since 2009, and the countries to which you traveled. Bring a prepared list you make, from your passport, itineraries, tickets, etc.
- -Complete names, dates of birth, addresses and A#s (green cards) for all your children, even those who may have passed away.
- -A money order for 680.00 payable to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security"
- -If you are applying for citizenship based on marriage, please also take: Marriage certificate and/or divorce decrees, if applicable, with translations.
- -Evidence that your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for at least 3 years, such as his/her birth certificate, passport or signed Certificate of Naturalization.
- -Documents referring to you and your spouse: bank statements, leases, mortgages, IRS tax returns for the last 3 years.
- -If you changed your legal name, the court decree that legally changed your name.

If you think you may be eligible for a fee waiver, please bring your most recent federal tax return and proof that you are receiving food stamps, public housing assistance, medical assistance, etc. (the card itself and the 'award letter').

To be eligible you must:

Have been a Legal Permanent Resident for 5 years, or 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen.

Have NO current problems with the law (at least the last five years).

Speak, write and read basic English.

BENEFITS TO CITIZENSHIP

- ** Vote in all local, state and national elections. Your Vote is your Voice!
- ** Bring your spouse, minor children, parents and fiancé to the U.S. without delay. Petition for adult children and siblings.
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