

Instructions for Form N-600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322

The Purpose of Form N-600K

This form is an application for U.S. citizenship (acquisition) and issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship under section 322 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) for a child **who regularly resides outside of the United States**.

Who Is Eligible to File

General Requirements

You may acquire U.S. citizenship if you meet **all** the following criteria to be eligible for citizenship under section 322 of the INA:

1. Not married; **and**
 2. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) must administer the Oath of Allegiance to you before you reach 18 years of age; **and**
 3. Regularly reside outside the United States; **and**
 4. In the legal **and** physical custody of your U.S. citizen parent; **and**
 5. Have a U.S. citizen parent who has been physically present in the United States for a period or periods totaling at least 5 years, at least 2 of which were after 14 years of age. If your U.S. citizen parent does not meet this requirement, your U.S. citizen parent's own U.S. citizen parent (grandparent) has to have been physically present in the United States for a period or periods totaling at least 5 years, at least 2 of which were after 14 years of age; **and**
- In cases where your U.S. citizen parent died in the preceding 5 years, and Form N-600K has been properly filed on behalf of you by your U.S. citizen grandparent or by your U.S. citizen legal guardian, you do NOT have to be residing in the legal and physical custody of the person as long as the person who has legal and physical custody of you does not object to the Form N-600K.
6. Be temporarily present in the United States at the time of interview in lawful status pursuant to a lawful admission.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the individual seeking your Certificate of Citizenship under section 322 of the INA to secure any visa or other document necessary for your lawful admission to the United States. USCIS cannot assist in obtaining any necessary visa or other document.

Children of Members of the U.S. Armed Forces

1. The entire process may be completed outside the United States if you are residing abroad with your U.S. citizen parent who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and you are authorized to accompany and reside abroad with the service member under official military orders. You do not need to demonstrate the temporary physical presence, lawful admission, and maintenance of status requirements to be eligible for naturalization under section 322 of the INA.
2. A U.S. citizen who is, or was, serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and who seeks to have you obtain a Certificate of Citizenship under section 322 of the INA may count any time spent abroad on official U.S. military orders as part of the required 5 years of physical presence in the United States or its outlying possessions as long as you are residing abroad with that service member under official military orders at the time of filing.

Section 322 For an Adopted Child

As an adopted child of a U.S. citizen, you may acquire U.S. citizenship under section 322 of the INA only if you satisfy the specific provision of the U.S. immigration laws relating to adopted children that applies to your Form N-600K.

Hague Convention Adoption Case

If your U.S. citizen parent adopted you under the Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention, then you must submit your adoption decree, a copy of the approval notice for the Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee, as an Immediate Relative, and the supporting evidence (other than the home study).

Orphan Case

If your U.S. citizen parent adopted you as an orphan under section 101(b)(1)(F) of the INA, then you must submit your adoption decree, a copy of the approval notice for the Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative, and the supporting evidence (other than the home study).

Any Other Adoption Case

If your U.S. citizen parent did not adopt you under the Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention or as an orphan under section 101(b)(1)(F) of the INA, you must have:

1. Been adopted before your 16th birthday (or before your 18th birthday, as specified in section 101(b)(1)(E)(ii) of the INA);

2. Been in the legal custody of your adopting U.S. citizen parent for at least 2 years; **and**
3. Resided with your adopting U.S. citizen parent for at least 2 years.

NOTE: The required 2 years of residing in the legal and physical custody of the adopting parent does not apply to an adopted orphan as described in section 101(b)(1)(F) or (G) of the INA.

Who May File

This form may be filed on behalf of you, an eligible foreign-born child, by the following individuals:

Your U.S. Citizen Parent

The U.S. citizen parent with legal **and** physical custody of you, the biological or adopted child under 18 years of age. Your U.S. citizen parent must regularly reside outside the United States and seek naturalization for you under section 322 of the INA.

OR

If your qualifying U.S. citizen parent has died, this form may be filed within 5 years of your parent's death by your U.S. citizen grandparent or U.S. citizen legal guardian.

U.S. Citizen Grandparent

A U.S. citizen parent of the U.S. citizen parent (your grandparent).

U.S. Citizen Legal Guardian

A U.S. citizen legal guardian of you, the child, who is filing Form N-600K within 5 years of the death of your qualifying citizen parent. The U.S. citizen legal guardian does not have to meet the parental physical presence requirements under section 322 of the INA. Although the physical presence requirements need not be met by the legal guardian, the requirements must have been met by either your deceased U.S. citizen parent or by your U.S. citizen grandparent prior to your U.S. citizen parent's death.

Who Should Not File This Form

This form should not be filed:

1. On behalf of you, the child, if you have already acquired citizenship **automatically** under sections 301, 309, 320 or on or before 02/27/2001 under the repealed section 321 of the INA;
2. By a U.S. citizen whose only relationship to you, the child, is as a step-parent;
3. By any person other than a U.S. citizen parent of you, the child, unless that parent has died;

4. By any person once you, the child, are over the age of 18 years of age;
5. By you if you are seeking to replace a lost or stolen certificate. Please refer to Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document, for information to replace a lost or stolen certificate; **or**
6. **By you, if you previously filed a Form N-600K and received a USCIS denial. USCIS will reject (not accept) your newly filed Form N-600K. Review your Form N-600K denial notice for more information.**

Required Evidence

Unless specifically noted otherwise, you must submit each of the documents listed below for you, and your grandparent (if applicable), through whom you are claiming U.S. citizenship at the time of filing to avoid delays in processing your Form N-600K.

USCIS may require verification for any or all information provided with Form N-600K. You must bring documentation to your interview if information has been updated or has changed after filing.

NOTE: "You" and "your" in this section refers to the individual for whom a Certificate of Citizenship is sought. It is NOT the applicant's parent who may apply on the minor child's behalf.

Photographs. You **must** submit two identical passport-style color photographs of yourself. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched. If a digital photo is submitted, it must be taken from a camera with at least 3.5 mega pixels of resolution.

The photos must be 2" x 2" and must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1" to 1 3/8" from top of hair to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8" to 1 3/8" from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare unless you are wearing headwear as required by a religious denomination of which you are a member; however, your face must be visible. Using pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) on the back of each photo.

Your Birth Certificate or Record. Issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth.

Birth Certificate or Record of Your U.S. Citizen Parent. If you apply, your parent must submit his or her birth certificate issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth. If your parent applies on your behalf, your parent must still submit his or her birth certificate issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth.

Marriage Certificate(s) of the U.S. Citizen Parent (*if applicable*). Issued and certified by a civil authority in the State or country of marriage.

Documents Showing the Marriage Termination (*if applicable*). Certified divorce decree, death certificate, or annulment document.

Proof of U.S. Citizenship of Qualifying Parent or Grandparent. Examples of this are a U.S. birth certificate; Form N-550, Certificate of Naturalization; Form N-560 Certificate of Citizenship; Form FS-240, Report of Birth Abroad of United States Citizen; or a valid unexpired U.S. passport.

NOTE: A passport must have been issued prior to your birth if it is being provided as proof of U.S. citizenship. You must provide additional documents including birth certificate or naturalization certificate as evidence that your parent was a U.S. citizen at the time of your birth if the passport was issued after your birth.

Proof or Legitimation. If you were born out of wedlock, then you must submit certified evidence establishing the proper legitimation. Documents must establish legitimation according to the laws of your residence or domicile. You must have been in the legal custody of your parent(s) at the time of legitimation.

Legal Guardianship Evidence (*if applicable*). Certified evidence of legal guardianship issued by the legal authority of the guardian's residence or domicile.

Proof of Legal and Physical Custody. In cases of divorce, legal separation, or legal adoption, evidence that the qualifying U.S. citizen parent has legal and physical custody of someone who does not object to the application.

Evidence of Lawful Admission and Maintenance of Such Lawful Status. Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, is required, if available, at the time of interview for all children seeking citizenship under section 322 of the INA, except for eligible children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

NOTE: If U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or USCIS issued Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, to you, provide the I-94 admission number in the fields of this form where it is requested. This number also is known as the Departure Number on some versions of Form I-94. If you do not have an I-94 number, one of the following scenarios may apply:

1. If CBP or USCIS issued Form I-94 to you, but it is now lost or destroyed, you may apply for a replacement by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document.

- 2. If CBP or USCIS did not issue Form I-94 to you and you believe that Form I-94 should have been issued,** you may contact the agency you believe should have issued it to attempt to resolve the matter.
- 3. If CBP did not issue Form I-94 to you because it captured arrival information electronically,** write "N/A" in the fields that request an I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number. In this instance, it is important for you to provide a passport or travel document number where it is requested on the form. (See below.)

Passport and Travel Document Numbers. CBP is exploring automation of Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, in order to collect arrival/departure information electronically, streamlining arrival and inspection for travelers. If this occurs, CBP may scan a traveler's electronic passport (or, for travelers who do not have a passport, some other similar "travel document") instead of issuing Form I-94. In these instances, you must provide passport or travel document numbers - even if they have expired - instead of a Form I-94 number when filing Form N-600K.

Proof of Required Physical Presence in the United States. Any document that proves your U.S. citizen parent's physical presence in the United States. This pertains to grandparents if your parent does not meet the requirement. For example:

1. School, employment, or military records;
2. Deeds, mortgages, or leases showing residence;
3. U.S. Social Security Administration reports;
4. Attestations by churches, unions, or other organizations; **or**
5. Affidavits by third parties having knowledge of your residence and physical presence.

Current Status of U.S. Citizen Grandparent. Your grandparent must be a U.S. citizen, or must have been one at the time of death of your U.S. citizen parent, if your sponsoring U.S. citizen parent is using your grandparent's physical presence in the United States to meet that requirement.

NOTE: For applications filed by the grandparent or legal guardian, evidence must be submitted to prove that your grandparent was a U.S. citizen and still alive at the time of your U.S. citizen parent's death if your U.S. citizen parent has died and your grandparent's physical presence is relied upon. Evidence must also be submitted to prove that your U.S. citizen parent died within the preceding 5 years.

Copy of Notice of Approval and Supporting Documentation, except home study (*if applicable*). Provide the following documentation:

- 1. Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative;**

OR

2. Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative.

NOTE: All adopted children seeking naturalization under section 322 of the INA must have had either Form I-600 or Form I-800 approved **or** have complied with the 2 years of legal custody and joint residence requirement of section 101(b)(1)(E) of the INA.

Copy of Full, Final Adoption Decree (*if applicable*).

Evidence of All Legal Name Changes. If you legally changed your name, submit evidence of an issued and certified document by the court that authorized the legal name change(s).

What If a Document Is Unavailable?

You must provide a written explanation of the reason(s) why a required document(s) is unavailable and submit secondary evidence to establish eligibility. Secondary evidence must overcome the unavailability of the required documents. USCIS may request an original written statement from the appropriate government or other legal authority to support your claim that the documents are unavailable.

The following types of **secondary evidence** may be submitted to establish eligibility.

Baptismal Certificate. Certificate under the church seal where your baptism occurred showing your:

1. Place of birth;
2. Date of birth;
3. Baptism date;
4. Parent's names, **and**
5. Godparent(s) name(s), if known.

School Record. An official letter from school authorities pertaining to the school attended (preferably the first school) showing your:

1. Date of admission to the school;
2. Place of birth;
3. Date of birth or age at that time; **and**
4. The name(s) and residence(s) of your birth parents if shown in the school records.

Census Records. State or Federal census records showing your:

1. Name;
2. Place of birth; **and**
3. Date of birth or age.

Affidavits (*if other types of secondary evidence are not available*). Written statements sworn to (or affirmed) by 2 people who have personal knowledge of the claimed event. Affidavits must overcome the unavailability of both required documents and secondary evidence. Examples of events you may submit an affidavit for include the following:

1. Your place and date of birth;
2. Marriage; **or**
3. Death.

The people making these statements are not required to be U.S. citizens and may be relatives. Each affidavit must contain the following information about the person making the affidavit:

1. Full legal name;
2. Address;
3. Place of birth;
4. Date of birth;
5. Relationship to you; **and**
6. Detailed information about the event to include how they came to know about its occurrence.

General Instructions

1. **Type or print clearly using black ink.** Keep all information within the area provided.

If extra space is needed to answer any question, attach an additional sheet(s) of paper. You must provide the following information on the top of each sheet of paper:

- A. Your A-Number, if applicable;
- B. The date;
- C. Question number; **and**
- D. Your signature.

2. **Answer all questions fully and accurately.** Write "N/A" if an item is not applicable. Write "None" if the answer is none.
3. **Avoid highlighting, crossing out, or writing outside the area provided for a response.**

Do not use highlighters on your Form N-600K as our scanners turn highlighted areas black, making them unreadable. If you must edit your form, USCIS recommends you begin with a new Form N-600K, rather than trying to white out information. USCIS scanners may see through the white correction tape or fluid and make your form incorrect, possibly leading to processing delays or rejection.

4. Provide your A-Number on the top right corner of each page (if applicable). Your A-Number is located on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration or "Green" Card). The A-Number on your card consists of seven to nine numbers, depending on when your record was created. If the A-Number on your card has fewer than nine numbers, place enough zeros before the first number to make a *total of nine numbers* on Form N-600K. For example, write number A1234567 as A001234567 or write number A12345678 as A012345678.

Translations. You must provide a full English translation for any document written in a foreign language that you submit to USCIS. The translator must certify that the translation is complete and accurate and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

Copies. You may submit copies of documents unless USCIS requests original documents. Original documents submitted when not required may remain a part of the record and will not be automatically returned to you.

Specific Form Instructions

This form is divided into 11 parts.

Part 1. Information About Your Eligibility

Check the box that indicates why you are eligible for citizenship under section 322 of the INA.

Box 1: Check this box if you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for citizenship on behalf of your eligible biological child.

Box 2: Check this box if you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for citizenship on behalf of your eligible adopted child.

Box 3: Check this box if you are the U.S. citizen parent of the child's deceased U.S. citizen parent applying for your eligible grandchild. Also, check this box if you are the U.S. citizen legal guardian of such a child.

General Items

Current Legal Name. Provide the your legal name. This should be the name on the your birth certificate, unless it has been changed after birth by legal action such as marriage, adoption, or court order. **Do not provide a nickname.**

U.S. Social Security Number. Print the person's U.S. Social Security Number. Write "N/A" if you do not have one.

Date of Birth. Use 8 numbers to show the date of birth. For example, May 1, 1992, must be written as 05/01/1992.

Country of Birth. Provide the name of the country where the person was born. Write the name of the country even if the country's name has since changed or the country no longer exists.

Home Address. Provide the address where the person now resides. **Do not** write a Post Office (P.O.) Box number here unless it is the person's **ONLY** address.

If the person resides outside the United States. If the person does not have a State or Province, enter the name of the city again in that box. If the person does not have a ZIP or Postal Code, enter 00000 in the ZIP or Postal Code box.

Telephone Numbers. Provide the person's current telephone numbers. If the answer is none, write "None." If you are hearing impaired and use a TDD telephone connection, please indicate this by writing "TDD" after the telephone number.

E-Mail Address. Provide the person's current e-mail address. If the person does not have an e-mail address, write "None."

Part 2. Information About You, the Child

2. Name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card (if applicable). Provide your name exactly as it appears on the card even if it is misspelled. Write "N/A" if you do not have a permanent resident card.

3. Other names you have used since birth (include nicknames, if applicable). Provide any other name(s) you have used since birth. Attach an additional sheet(s) of paper if more space is needed.

7. Country of Prior Citizenship/Nationality. Provide the name of the country of your citizenship/nationality before you became a U.S. citizen.

A. If the country no longer exists or you are stateless, provide the name of the country where you were last a citizen or national.

B. If you are a citizen or national of more than one country, provide the name of the country that issued your latest passport.

8. Gender. Indicate whether you are male or female.

9. Height. Provide your height in feet and inches.

11. Mailing Address. Provide your mailing address even if it is the same as your home address. Provide "*in care of name*" information, if applicable. You must write something in every box, except an apartment number or "C/O" if you do not have one, within "Mailing Address."

NOTE: USCIS may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. If USCIS does reject your Form N-600K, USCIS may not be able to return the fee for the Form N-600K to you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. If USCIS cannot return the fee, USCIS will cash your check.

14. Marital Status. Check the marital status you have on the date you file this Form N-600K. Check "Other" if your marriage was otherwise legally terminated and explain.

15. Information About Your Admission Into the United States and Current Immigration Status.

Do not complete this part. The applicant will be asked to complete this part at the interview.

16. Previous Application for Certificate of Citizenship, or U.S. Passport. If you previously applied for a Certificate of Citizenship or a U.S. Passport (or you are a U.S. citizen parent who previously applied for a Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport for your minor child), explain on an additional sheet (s) of paper what happened with that application and whether the Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport was or was not issued.

17. Information on Adoption. Provide the necessary information requested.

18. Marital Status of Your Parents at Time of Birth or Adoption. Indicate whether your parents were married to each other at the time of your birth. If you were born out of wedlock, indicate "No," even if your parents subsequently married. If you were adopted, indicate whether your adoptive parents were married to each other at the time of your adoption.

Part 3. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Biological or Adoptive Parent

NOTE: Not all the questions are explained in this part because they are located in the **General Items** section of Specific Form Instructions. Please go to that section for more information.

- 8. U.S. Citizenship.** Provide all the requested information regarding how your parent became a U.S. citizen.
- 9. Loss of U.S. Citizenship.** Provide information on an additional sheet(s) of paper if your parent ever lost U.S. citizenship regardless of whether it has since been regained.

10. Marital History

- A.** Write the number of times your qualifying U.S. citizen parent has been married, including annulled marriages. Count each marriage as separate if your parent married the same person more than one time.
- B.** Check the marital status your U.S. citizen parent has on the date you file Form N-600K. Check "Other" if your parents' marriage was otherwise legally terminated and explain.
- C.** If your U.S. citizen parent is now married, provide information about your parent's current spouse. Check the appropriate box to indicate the spouse's current immigration status.

D. Indicate whether your qualifying U.S. citizen parent's current spouse is also your biological or adoptive parent. If "No," USCIS may request information about your U.S. citizen parent's previous spouse(s).

11. Member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Provide information if your U.S. citizen parent is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Part 4. Information About Your Qualifying U.S. Citizen Grandparent

Complete this section only if your U.S. citizen parent **has not** been physically present in the United States for 5 years, 2 years of which were after 14 years of age. You are relying on the physical presence in the United States of the U.S. citizen father or mother of your U.S. citizen parent (your grandparent) to obtain your U.S. citizenship. You must provide information about the U.S. citizen parent of your U.S. citizen father or mother (your grandparent) in the sections noted.

NOTE: Not all the questions are explained in this part because they are located in the General Items section of Specific Form Instructions. Please go to that section for more information.

- 8. U.S. Citizenship.** Provide all the requested information regarding how your grandparent became a U.S. citizen.
- 9. Loss of U.S. Citizenship.** Provide information on an additional sheet(s) of paper if your parent ever lost U.S. citizenship regardless of whether it has since been regained.

Part 5. Physical Presence in the United States From Birth Until Filing Form N-600K

Physical Presence. Provide all the dates when your biological or adoptive U.S. citizen father, mother, or grandparent was in the United States. **Include all dates from your birth until the date you file your Form N-600K.**

NOTE: A U.S. citizen parent who is, or was, a member of the U.S. Armed Forces may count any time he or she resided abroad on official military orders towards the physical presence requirements under section 322(a)(2) of the INA as long as the applicant was residing abroad with the U.S. citizen parent per official military orders at the time of filing.

Part 6. Information About Your Legal Guardian

Complete this part **only** for Form N-600K filed by a legal guardian in lieu of a deceased U.S. citizen parent.

Part 7. Preferred Location and Date for Interview

Provide your preferences regarding when and where you would like to be interviewed. USCIS will consider your preferences.

- 1. USCIS office (or City, State) for your interview.** If a specific USCIS office is unknown, provide the preferred city and state for your interview; **and**

- 2. Date.** Your preferred interview date should be at least 90 days after you file this Form N-600K and must be before you turn 18 years of age.

NOTE: USCIS **CANNOT** immediately adjudicate your Form N-600K once you file the application. Processing of the Form N-600K must be completed within the U.S. The processing includes: interview of the applicant and qualifying relative (parent or grandparent) or guardian (if applicable); taking the Oath of Allegiance (required for 14 years of age or older); and receipt of the Certificate of Citizenship.

Part 8. Your Signature

Sign the Form N-600K as you normally sign your name. You may place an "X" mark instead of a signature if you are unable to write in any language.

A parent or legal guardian may sign for you if you are less than 14 years of age. You may also sign the Form N-600K on your own behalf without your parent's or legal guardian's signature.

NOTE: USCIS will reject your Form N-600K if it is not signed. USCIS cannot accept copies of signed application or a typewritten name in place of a signature.

Part 9. Signature of Person Who Prepared This Form for You (if applicable)

If you prepared this form by yourself, leave this section blank. If someone filled out this form for you, he or she must complete this section. Your parent must complete this part if your parent prepared this Form N-600K for you.

Part 10. Affidavit

Do not complete this part. You will be asked to complete this part at the interview.

Part 11. USCIS Officer Report and Recommendation

Do not complete this part as it is for USCIS use only.

Processing Information

Any Form N-600K that is not signed will be rejected. A Form N-600K that is not completed according to these instructions, is missing pages or otherwise not executed in its entirety, or is not accompanied by the required initial evidence may be rejected or delayed. If USCIS rejects your Form N-600K for any of the reasons above, the form and any fees will be returned to you if you provide a complete and valid mailing address. You will be notified why the form is considered deficient. You may correct the deficiency and refile a Form N-600K. An application or petition is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

Requests for More Information and interview

USCIS may request more information or evidence. USCIS may also request that you submit the originals of any copies you previously provided to USCIS with your Form N-600K. In addition, USCIS will request that you appear for an interview.

Decision

The decision on Form N-600K involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. If you do not establish a basis for eligibility, USCIS will deny your Form N-600K. You will be notified of the decision in writing.

When To File

In order for you, the applicant, to obtain U.S. citizenship through this Form N-600K:

1. All the required evidence must be received and verified; **and**
2. USCIS must administer the oath of allegiance to you **before you reach 18 years of age.**

You should file Form N-600K **at least 90 days prior to the requested interview date**, allowing USCIS time to review the Form N-600K as well as schedule the interview and send a timely appointment notice to the foreign address. USCIS will not schedule an interview date until it has determined that the Form N-600K is complete. **Therefore, Form N-600K processing may be further delayed if any of the required information and evidence is missing from the Form N-600K. Requests for a change in the designated local USCIS office may also delay processing.**

NOTE: USCIS advises you and the U.S. citizen applicant to wait for the appointment notice from USCIS **before** traveling to the United States with the understanding that USCIS cannot assist the applicant in obtaining a visa(s) to enter the United States.

What Is the Filing Fee

The fee for filing Form N-600K is **\$600** for a biological child and **\$550** for an adopted child.

The fee for the Form N-600K may be waived. Applicants should submit a Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or a written request, accompanied by documentation of the applicant's financial inability to pay the fee. To download a copy of Form I-912, including the instructions, click on the "FORMS" link on the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for your Form N-600K fee:

1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; **and**
2. Make the check or money order payable to **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**.

NOTE: Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS".

If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate for instructions on the method of payment.

Notice To Those Making Payment by Check

USCIS will make a copy and convert your original check into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means USCIS will use the account information on your check to electronically debit your account for the check amount. This debit usually takes 24 hours and should show up on your regular account statement.

USCIS will not return your original check. USCIS will destroy it and keep a copy with your file. If the EFT cannot be processed due to technical reasons, you authorize USCIS to process the copy of the check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, USCIS may try the EFT up to two times.

If you receive an insufficient funds notice, USCIS will send you instructions on how to submit your penalty fee. **Do not** send a check for the penalty fee to the address where you filed your Form N-600K; your form will be returned to you.

How To Check If the Fees Are Correct

The filing and biometrics services fees on this form are current as of the edition date appearing in the lower right corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

1. Visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov, select "FORMS," and check the appropriate fee;
2. Telephone the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for the fee information. For TDD (hearing impaired) call **1-800-767-1833**.

Where To File

See the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about where to file Form N-600K. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Form Revision Date

If you are filing Form N-600K more than 30 days after the latest revision date shown in the lower right corner, please visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov before you file, and check the "FORMS" page to confirm the form version currently in use. If the revision date on your Form N-600K matches the revision date listed for Form N-600K on the online "FORMS" page, your version is current. If the revision date on the online version is more recent, download a copy and use it. If you do not have Internet access, call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** to verify the revision date. For TDD (hearing impaired): call **1-800-767-1833**.

NOTE: USCIS will reject forms with the wrong revision date and return the fee with instructions to resubmit the entire filing using the current form.

Address Changes

If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/addresschange or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (hearing impaired): call **1-800-767-1833**.

NOTE: Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the USCIS Lockbox facilities do not process change of address requests.

USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also obtain forms and information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

An alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can schedule an appointment through the USCIS Internet-based system, **InfoPass**. To access the system, visit the USCIS Web site. Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

Attorney or Representative

You may be represented, at no expense to the U.S. Government, by an attorney or other duly accredited representative. Your representative must submit Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, with your Form N-600K. Your representative may also submit the Form G-28 at the time of your interview. Form G-28 can be obtained by visiting the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov, calling the USCIS forms line number at **1-800-870-3676**, or by contacting the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (hearing impaired) call **1-800-767-1833**.

Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this Form N-600K, USCIS will deny your Form N-600K and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you may be subject to criminal prosecution and penalties provided by law.

USCIS Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITY: Section 322 of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes USCIS to collect the information and associated evidence on this benefit application.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information is to determine if you have established eligibility for naturalization. We will use the information you provide to grant or deny the benefit you seek. USCIS requests that the applicant and family member(s) to provide their SSN, if applicable. The SSN is used to verify the identity and residency of the applicant and family member(s) and to complete a sufficient background check.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including the SSN, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your benefit request.

ROUTINE USES: The information you provide on this benefit application may be disclosed to other federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations in accordance with approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001- Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, which can be found at www.dhs.gov/privacy]. The information may also be made available, as appropriate for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

USCIS Compliance Review and Monitoring

By signing this form, you have stated under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. Section 1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this form is true and correct. You also have authorized the release of any information from your records that USCIS may need to determine eligibility for the benefit you are seeking and consented to USCIS verification of such information.

The Department of Homeland Security has the authority to verify any information you submit to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking at any time. USCIS' legal authority to verify this information is in 8 U.S.C. Sections 1103, 1155, 1184, and 8 CFR parts 103, 204, 205, and 214. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, USCIS may verify information before or after your case has been decided. Agency verification methods may include, but are not limited to: review of public records and information; contact via written correspondence, the Internet, facsimile, or other electronic transmission, or telephone; unannounced physical site inspections of residences and locations of employment; and interviews. Information obtained through verification will be used to assess your compliance with the laws and to determine your eligibility for the benefit sought.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The total public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 2 hours 5 minutes per response. This total includes 1 hour and 35 minutes for the time to review the instructions and completing the form, and 30 minutes to obtain passport style photographs. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0087. **Do not mail your completed Form N-600K to this address.**