

Citizenship Information

A student must be a citizen or eligible noncitizen to receive Federal Student Aid (FSA) from the United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid Programs. The general requirement for eligible noncitizens is that they be in the U.S. for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or lawful permanent resident, as determined by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). If you have any questions, feel free to contact the MATC Financial Aid Office at 414-297-6282.

NONELIGIBLE STATUS: Students in these categories are not eligible to receive financial aid.

- **Family unity status:** Such individuals have been granted relief from deportation under the Family Unity Program.
- **Temporary residents:** Such individuals are allowed to live and work in the U.S. under the Legalization or Special Agricultural Worker program.
- **Individuals with nonimmigrant visas:** Includes those individuals with work visas, and students, visitors, and foreign government officials. Documents such individuals might have include:
 - Employment Authorization Card (I-688A, I-688B, I-766)
 - Temporary Resident Card (I-688)
 - Student Visa (F-1, F-2 or M-1)
 - Visitor Visa (B-1 or B-2)
 - Exchange Visitor Visa (J-1 or J-2)
 - H or L series Visa (which allow temporary employment in the U.S.)
 - G series Visa (pertaining to international organizations)
 - Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence (I-171 or I-464)
 - Form I-94 stamped "Temporary Protected Status"

* TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID, A STUDENT MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- **A U.S. Citizen:** The term "U.S. citizen" includes citizens of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.
- **A U.S. National:** Natives of American Samoa and Swain's Island are not U.S. citizens but are nationals and therefore may receive FSA funds.
- **A U.S. Permanent Resident:** This student must have a valid Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551, since 1997) or Resident Alien Card (Form I-551, before 1997). Both forms are referred to as "green cards," or with USCIS notification that permanent resident status has been granted or approved.
 - A "Conditional" Permanent Resident will have a "C" on the front and an expiration date on the back of the card. The expiration date must be valid (i.e., must not be before the academic year in question) in order for the student to be eligible for aid.
- **A Citizen of the Freely Associated States:** These students can receive aid only from certain FSA funds. They are not eligible to receive all FSA funds that are available. The Freely Associated States are Micronesia and the Pacific Islands of Palau, and the Marshall Islands.
- **Other Eligible Noncitizen:** These students are confirmed with a valid Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) showing one of the following:
 - Refugee
 - Asylum — Person granted Asylum
 - Parolee — Person paroled into the U.S. for at least one year. The student must also provide evidence (such as having filed a valid permanent resident application) from the DHS that he/she is in the U.S. for other than a temporary purpose and intends to become a citizen or permanent resident.
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant

Citizenship Documentation

Please print clearly.

Student Name: First _____ Last _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ MATC Student ID Number: _____

When a student's citizenship or eligible noncitizenship status is questioned by the U.S. Department of Education, the student may be required to submit supporting documentation to verify his/her status. If the student submits appropriate documents, then the financial aid that the student is eligible to receive will be awarded. A copy of the documents will be kept in the student's file. The student may also want to contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) to have his/her information updated in the SSA database.

If the U.S. Department of Education cannot confirm that you are a U.S. citizen or national, or an eligible non-citizen, then Federal regulations require verification of your status before any school can offer you student financial aid. Please review the categories below to find the one that applies to you. Check the category that applies to you, circle the documentation that you will be submitting, and attach the required documentation to this form and return this form to the MATC Financial Aid Office.

U.S. Citizen or Naturalized U.S. Citizen. Attach one of the following forms of documentation:

- A copy of your birth certificate, if you were born in the United States
- A copy of your U.S. Passport
- A copy of State Department Form FS-240, Form 545, or Form DS-1350
- A certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)
- A copy of your Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570)

Permanent Resident of the U.S. Attach one of the following forms of documentation:

- A copy of both sides of your Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551, Form I-151)
- A copy of your Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94) stamped with one of the following endorsements: "Processed for I-551" or "Temporary Form I-551. Admission for permanent residence at _____[port]..." This I-94 will also contain the individual's photo and an INS seal over the photo and the stamp.

Eligible Non-Citizen. Attach a copy of your Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94), with one of the following endorsements or stamps:

- "Admitted as a Refugee pursuant to Section 207 of the Act..." or "Status changed to refugee pursuant to section 207 (c)(2) of the Immigration Nationality Act, on _____ Employment Authorized...." or a Travel Document (Form I-571)
- "Asylum status granted pursuant to Section 208, USCIS. Valid to _____. Employment Authorized."
- A stamp indicating that you have been paroled into the United States for at least one year, with a date that has not expired
- "Cuban-Haitian Entrant." A stamp across the face of the I-94 indicating that you have been classified as a "Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)."

***NOTE:** 1. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) permits photocopying of these documents for the purpose of applying for student financial aid.

2. **Sign and date this form, attach all support documentation, and return to the Financial Aid Advisor.**

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information given to document my citizenship status is true and complete.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____