



ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY:

U.S. CITIZENSHIP

- A Birth Certificate
- A valid U. S. Passport (current or expired)
- A Certificate of Naturalization from the DHS (Form N-550, N-570)
- A Certificate of Citizenship from the DHS (N-560, N-561)
- A Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States (Must bear an embossed seal including the words "United States of America" and "State Department". Acceptable Form numbers: FS-240, FS-545, or DS-1350)

If you do not have access to any to any of these forms and you are a U.S. Citizen, please contact the appropriate government agency and arrange to receive a copy of the document you need.

Here are some telephone numbers that may help you in accessing the information you need:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birth Certificate Records for LA County: 1-800-201-8999 (County Registrar's Office)• Passport Information: 1-310-575-5700 (U. S. State Department)• Certificate of Naturalization Information: 1-800-375-5283 (DHS/Dept. of Justice)• Record of Birth Abroad Information: 1-202-955-0307 (U. S. State Department) |
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If you are now a U.S. citizen and became a citizen **after** you received your Social Security card, go to the Social Security Administration, provide them your updated U.S. citizenship status, and request receipt that you made changes to your record.

ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZENSHIP STATUS

- A Form I-151 (known as a "green" card)
- A Form I-551 (known as a "green" card)
- A Form I-94 with endorsement "processed for I-551" or "temporary form I-551"
- A Form I-94 with appropriate endorsement such as, "admitted as a refugee", "asylum granted", "parolee", "Cuban-Haitian", "conditional entrants (received prior to 3/31/80)"

If there is an expiration date on your document, the date must be 8/22/2005 or 1/30/2006 or later to be valid for your current financial aid application.

If there is no picture on your document or if the picture on your document was taken when you were 14 years old or younger, you must also provide a copy of a valid driver's license (or other valid photo identification).

Rio Hondo College process:

You must bring your documentation to the Financial Aid Office in person. Copies will be made by office staff. As required by Federal Law, this office will send a copy of the documentation submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for official verification of your eligible non-citizen status. A response is usually received within six weeks.

<p><i>If you are a California resident with documentation that does not entitle you to federal funding, you will be considered for the Board of Governor's fee waiver only.</i></p>

<p><i>If you are an undocumented student, you are not eligible for federal or state funding. Check with the Financial Aid & Scholarship Department for information on available scholarships.</i></p>

