

When applying for a U.S. passport in person, evidence of U.S. citizenship must be submitted with Form DS-11. Documentation submitted as citizenship evidence will be **returned** to you with your official passport.

Primary Evidence of U.S. Citizenship (You must submit one of the following. Photocopies and notarized copies are not acceptable):

- Previously issued, undamaged, and fully valid U.S. Passport (5 years for minors or 10 years for adults)
- Certified U.S. birth certificate (must meet all of the following requirements):
 - Issued by the City, County, or State of birth
 - Lists bearer's full name, date of birth, and place of birth
 - Lists parent(s) full names
 - Has date filed with registrar's office (must be within one year of birth)
 - Has registrar's signature
 - Has embossed, impressed, or multicolored seal of registrar
 - **Photocopies and notarized copies are unacceptable**
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth
 - Lists bearer's full name, date of birth, and place of birth
 - Lists parent(s) full names
 - **Photocopies and notarized copies are unacceptable**
- Naturalization Certificate
 - **Photocopies and notarized copies are unacceptable**
- Certificate of Citizenship
 - **Photocopies and notarized copies are unacceptable**

NOTE: If you **do not** have primary evidence of U.S. citizenship or your U.S. birth certificate **does not** meet the requirements, please see [Secondary Evidence of U.S. Citizenship](#).