



Eligible Non-Citizen Documentation

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) did not confirm that you are an eligible noncitizen. You must present original documentation regarding your noncitizen status to the AU Financial Aid Office before any further action can be taken on your aid application.

A student must be a citizen or eligible noncitizen to receive aid from the 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 evidenced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The USCIS was briefly known as the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), and before that it was the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

To document your status as an eligible noncitizen, please submit one of the following documents. The original document must be presented in person in our office.

- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551 since 1997)
- Resident Alien Card (Form I-551 before 1997)
- Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-151, issued prior to June 1978)
- Arrival/Departure Record (CBP Form I-94 or I-94A) with a date that has not expired
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) with a date that has not expired – This must have a U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspector admission stamp and the statement “UPON ENDORSEMENT SERVES AS TEMPORARY I-551 EVIDENCING PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR 1 YEAR.”
- United States Travel Document with annotation “Permit to Reenter Form I-327 (Rev 9-2-03)”
- Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571)

If you are unable to locate your official USCIS documentation, you must request that the documents be replaced. Requests for replacement documents should be made to the USCIS District Office that issued the original documents. You can download Form I-90 “Application to Replace Alien Registration Card” or Form I-102 “Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document”. PDF versions of these forms are available online at www.uscis.gov. A temporary I-94 may be issued while the replacement documents are pending.

Questions? Questions?

Please contact our office at 202-885-6500 or via email at facounselor@american.edu.

Submit documents to:

*All eligible non-citizenship documentation
must be ORIGINAL documents
presented IN PERSON to the Financial Aid Office.*