

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Immigration and Naturalization Service****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Application for Certificate of Citizenship.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Service is considering consolidating the Form N-643, and the Form N-600/N-643, Supplement A, into the Form N-600. In addition, the information collection requirement, Form N-600 is in the process of being revised. Until such proposed revised form is approved by the Office of Management and Budget, the public should continue to use Forms N-600, N-643, and N-600/N-643, Supplement A until further notice.

The Service is publishing a draft copy of this form as well as the related interim rule elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the form and the rule simultaneously. Written comments on the form are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until August 13, 2001. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Overview of This Information Collection*

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Certificate of Citizenship.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-600. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. This form is provided by

the Service as a uniform format for obtaining essential data necessary to determine the applicant's eligibility for the requested immigration benefit.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 67,936 responses at 1 hour per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 67,936 annual burden hours.

Organizations and individuals interested in submitting comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this information collection requirement, including suggestions for reducing the burden, should direct them to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536; Attention: Richard A. Sloan, Director, (202) 514-3291.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., National Place Building, Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

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Immigration and Naturalization Service

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**Application for Certificate of Citizenship****Instructions****WHAT IS THIS FORM?**

This form, the N-600, is an application for certificate of citizenship.

To request INS forms, call our toll-free forms line at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also get INS forms and information about the immigration laws and regulations by calling **1-800-375-5283** or from the INS internet website at [www.ins.usdoj.gov](http://www.ins.usdoj.gov).

**WHO SHOULD USE THIS FORM?**

The following individuals may use this form:

- Any person claiming U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen father, mother, both parents or marriage to a U.S. citizen prior to September 22, 1922.
- Any person claiming U.S. citizenship through the naturalization of an alien parent(s).
- A U.S. citizen parent seeking citizenship on behalf of a minor adopted or biological child under section 320 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (providing for automatic citizenship for biological and adopted children who meet certain conditions while under the age of 18 years).
- A U.S. citizen parent seeking citizenship on behalf of a minor adopted or biological child under section 322 of the INA (providing for citizenship through an application process for biological and adopted children who reside outside of the United States and meet certain conditions while under the age of 18 years).

**WHO CAN FILE THIS FORM?**

The Form N-600 may be filed by any individual claiming to have acquired or derived U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen.

In the case of minor adopted or biological children (under 18 years) qualifying for citizenship under section 320 or 322 of the INA, the application must be filed by the U.S. citizen parent with legal and physical custody of the child.

**WHAT DOES IT COST TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP AND HOW SHOULD THE FEE BE PAID?**

Except for U.S. citizen parents requesting a certificate of citizenship for an adopted child, all applicants must pay the fee for a Form N-600, application for certificate of citizenship - **\$160.00**.

For U.S. citizen parents filing on behalf of an adopted minor child under section 320 or 322 of the INA (checking **Part 2, Box "C" on the Form**), the fee for the Form N-600 is **\$125.00**. This fee must be paid at the time of filing the application. The fee is not refundable, even if the application is subsequently withdrawn.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order:

- 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. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.**
- Make the check or money order payable to **Immigration and Naturalization Service**, unless:
  - you live in Guam and are filing your application there, make it payable to **Treasurer, Guam**; or
  - you live in the U.S. Virgin Islands and are filing your application there, make it payable to **Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands**.

**DO NOT USE THE INITIALS "INS" ON YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER**

**WHERE DO I SEND THE APPLICATION?**

The completed Form N-600 and accompanying documentation must be filed with the appropriate Service office in the United States with jurisdiction over your place of residence.

For U.S. citizen parents seeking a certificate of citizenship for a minor adopted or biological child who resides outside of the United States and qualifies for citizenship under section 322 of the INA, the Form

N-600 may be filed at any Service office or suboffice in the United States or its outlying possessions (including San Juan, Puerto Rico; the U.S. Virgin Islands; and Guam).

#### WHAT DOCUMENTS OR EVIDENCE MUST I SEND WITH THE APPLICATION?

The following is a list of documents that must be submitted with the N-600. Unless specifically noted otherwise, every applicant must submit each of the documents listed below for himself/herself and the U.S. citizen parent(s) (or grandparent(s) if applicable) through whom the applicant is claiming U.S. citizenship.

Any document in a foreign language must be accompanied by a translation in English. The translator must certify that he/she is competent to translate and that the translation is true and accurate. For each document needed, you may submit a clear, readable copy or the originals. Do not send an original Certificate of Citizenship or Certificate of Naturalization. The Service may request that you present original documents at the interview.

- **Photographs** – *(Only required of the person to whom the Certificate of Citizenship will be issued)*

You must submit three identical, unglazed photographs taken within 30 days of the date of filing of this application. The photographs should be 2" x 2", and must be in natural color and taken without any headdress (unless the applicant is wearing a headdress as required by a religious order of which he or she is a member). The dimensions of the face should be about 1 inch from the top of the hair to the chin. The face should be a ¾ frontal view with the entire right ear visible. The photographs must be on thin paper with a light background and not mounted in any way. The photographs must not be signed but you should print your name (or if a U.S. citizen parent applying on behalf of a minor child, the child's name) and alien registration number in the center of the back of each photograph with a soft lead pencil.

- **Birth Certificate or Record** – A certified birth certificate or record issued by a civil authority in the country of birth.
- **Marriage Certificate(s)** – Certified marriage certificate(s) issued by a civil authority in the state or country of marriage.

- **Documents showing the termination of a marriage** – Examples include a divorce decree, death certificate, or annulment document.
- **Proof of U.S. citizenship** – Examples of this are birth certificates showing birth in the United States; an N-550, Certificate of Naturalization; an N-560, Certificate of Citizenship; an FS-240, Report of Birth Abroad of United States Citizen; or a valid unexpired U.S. passport.
- **Proof of Status as National of United States** – *(Only required for applicants claiming U.S. citizenship through a national of the United States, such as a person born in American Samoa or Swains Islands).*
- **Proof of Legitimation** – *(Only required for applicants who were born out of wedlock).*

Documents must establish legitimation according to the laws of the child's residence or domicile or father's residence or domicile (if applicable).

- **Proof of Legal Custody** – *(Only required for applicants whose U.S. citizen parent(s) divorced and/or separated and for applicants who are adopted).*
- **Copy of Permanent Resident Card or Other Evidence of Lawful Permanent Resident Status** – *(Only required for applicants claiming U.S. citizenship through alien parent(s) who naturalized or claiming automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship while under the age of 18 under section 320 of the INA)*

Examples include a Form I-551 stamp in a foreign passport or Service-issued travel document.

- **Evidence of lawful admission and maintenance of such lawful status** (e.g. Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record) – *(Only required for applicants seeking citizenship under section 322 of the INA).*

**Proof of required residence or physical presence in the United States** – Any document that proves the U.S. citizen parent(s)' residence or physical presence in the United States. This proof may include but is not limited to the following:

- School, employment, military records;
- deeds, mortgages, leases showing residence;
- attestations by churches, unions, or other organizations;

- affidavits of third parties having knowledge of the residence and physical presence.

- **Proof of U.S. citizen grandparent(s)' required physical presence in the United States** – *(Only required for applicants seeking citizenship under section 322 of the Act whose U.S. citizen parent(s) does not meet the physical presence requirement of 5 years in the United States, 2 years of which were after the age of 14).*

Documentation establishing that the U.S. citizen grandparent(s) met the required physical presence requirements.

- **Copy of notice of approval of a Form I-600 Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative, and supporting documentation for such form (except home study)** – *(Only required for adopted orphans applying under section 322 of the INA).*
- **Copy of full, final adoption decree** – *(Only required for adopted applicants).*
- **Evidence of all legal name changes.**

#### WHAT IF A DOCUMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE?

If it is not possible to obtain any one of the above-required documents, you must establish why the evidence is not available. You may be required to submit an original written statement from the relevant government or other authority explaining the reason for the unavailability of the document(s). You may submit the following secondary evidence for consideration. However, secondary documents that do not overcome the availability of primary documents may result in denial of the application:

- **Baptismal certificate:** A certificate under the seal of the church where the baptism occurred, showing the date and place of the child's birth, date of baptism, the names of the godparents, if known.
- **Church records:** A certificate under the church seal issued within two months of birth.
- **School record:** A letter from authorities of the school attended (preferably the first school), showing the date of admission to the school, the child's date of birth or age at that time, place of birth, and the names and places of birth of parents, if shown in the school records.

- **Census records:** State or federal census records showing the name(s) and place(s) of birth, and the date(s) of birth or age(s) of the person(s) listed.
- **Affidavits:** Written statements sworn (or affirmed) to by two persons who have personal knowledge of the claimed event (i.e., the date and place of a birth, marriage, or death). The persons may be relatives and need not be citizens of the United States. Each affidavit should contain the following information regarding the person making the affidavit: his (her) full name and address; date and place of birth; relationship to the applicant, if any; full information concerning the event; and complete details concerning how he (she) acquired knowledge of the event.

#### HOW DO I COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION?

- Please print clearly or type your answers using CAPITAL letters in each box.
- Use black or blue ink.
- **If you have an INS "A" number, write your INS "A" number in the place indicated on the top right hand corner of the first page.** Use your INS "A" number on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Receipt or "Green" Card), if you have one. Otherwise, use the INS "A" number reflected on the Service-issued travel document. If the "A" number has fewer than 9 numbers, place enough zeros before the first number to make a *total of 9 numbers* on the application. For example, write card number A1234567 as A001234567, or write card number A12345678 as A012345678.
- If a question does not apply to you, write N/A (meaning "Not Applicable") in the space provided.
- If you need extra space to answer any item:
  - Attach a separate sheet of paper (or more sheets if needed);
  - Write your name, your "A" number (if available), and "N-600" on the top right corner of the sheet; and
  - Write the number of each question for which you are providing additional information.

**STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS**

This form is divided into 12 parts. The information below will help you fill out the form.

**Part 1. Information About You**

The person seeking the certificate of citizenship should complete information in this section.

**NOTE:** If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for a certificate of citizenship on behalf of your minor biological or adopted child, give information for your minor child.

- A. Current legal name** – Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate unless it has been changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage, adoption, or court order.
- B. Name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card** (if different from above) - Write your name exactly as it appears on the card, even if it is misspelled.
- C. Other names used since birth** – If you have ever used any other names since birth, write them in this section. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.
- D. Social Security Number** – Print your Social Security number. If you do not have a Social Security number, write "N/A" in the space provided.
- E. Date of Birth** - Use eight numbers to show your date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979).
- F. Country of Birth** - Give the name of the country where you were born. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists. If the name of the country has changed, write the name of the country as it was at the time of your birth.
- G. Country of Nationality** – Write the name of the country of your prior nationality. Write the name of the country where you are currently a citizen or national if you have filed an application to become a U.S. citizen (*section 322 applicants only*).

- If the country no longer exists and/or you are stateless, write the name of the country where you were last a citizen or national.
- If you are a citizen or national of more than one country, write the name of the foreign country that issued your last passport.

**H. Gender** – Indicate whether male or female.

**I. Height** – Give your height in feet and inches.

**J. Visible Scars, Marks, etc.** – Note any visible scars or other identifying mark you have.

**Part 2. Information About Your Eligibility**

Check the box in **Section A** which indicates why you are eligible for a certificate of citizenship.

If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for a certificate of citizenship on behalf of a minor child, check the box in either **Section B or C**, indicating whether you are applying for an adopted or biological child.

If the basis for your eligibility is not described in any of the categories, check **Box D "Other"** and briefly write the basis for your application on the lines provided.

**Part 3. Additional Information About You**

The person seeking the certificate of citizenship should complete information in this section.

**NOTE:** If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for a certificate of citizenship on behalf of your minor biological or adopted child, give information for your minor child.

- A. Home Address** – Give the address where you now live. Do NOT put post office (P.O.) box numbers here.
- B. Mailing Address** – If your mailing address is the same as the home address, write "same." If the mailing address is different from your home address, write it in this part. Provide "Care Of" information if applicable.
- C. Telephone Numbers** (Optional) – Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses allow the Service to contact you more quickly about your application. If you are hearing impaired and use a TTY

telephone connection, please indicate this by writing "(TTY)" after the telephone number.

- D. Current Marital Status** – Check the marital status you have on the date you are filing this application. If you are currently not married, but had a prior marriage that was annulled (declared by a court to be invalid) check "Other" and explain it.

**E. Information About Your Entry Into the United States and Current Immigration Status** –

1. Please provide information about where you entered the U.S.. Provide the name used when you entered and how you arrived in the United States.
2. Please provide information about what documents you presented to enter the United States. Provide your passport number and date of issuance, if known.
3. Please provide information about your immigration status on entry into the United States.
4. If you adjusted to lawful permanent resident status while in the United States, please provide the date you became a lawful permanent resident and place where such status was granted.

- F. 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), indicate on a separate piece of paper what happened with the application and whether a certificate of citizenship or U.S. passport was or was not issued.

- G. Information on Adoption** – If you were adopted, provide information as to the place and date of adoption.

- H. Re-adoption in the United States** – Children who are admitted to the United States under section 101(b)(1)(F) of the INA as IR-4s (orphans coming to the United States to be adopted by U.S. citizen parent(s)) do not automatically acquire citizenship on entry, even though admitted as lawful permanent residents. Children admitted as IR-4s must have been finally adopted in the United States or had the foreign adoption recognized by the state where the child is permanently residing. If you had

to be re-adopted in the United States before you could acquire citizenship automatically, provide the information requested.

- I. Marital Status of 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.

If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying on behalf of a minor biological or adopted child, indicate whether you were married to the child's natural (or adoptive mother) at the time of your minor child's birth (or adoption). If your minor child was born out of wedlock, indicate "No", even if you subsequently married the child's other parent.

- J. Absences from the United States** – Provide the requested information for every trip that you have taken since you first arrived in the United States. Begin with the most recent trip.

**Part 4. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Father (or Adoptive Father)**

Information in this section should be completed if you are claiming citizenship through a U.S. citizen father (or adoptive father). If you are claiming citizenship solely through a U.S. citizen mother (or adoptive mother), **Go to Part 5.**

**NOTE:** If you are a U.S. citizen father (or adoptive father) applying for a certificate of citizenship on behalf of your minor child, where information is requested about "your U.S. citizen father", **provide information about YOURSELF in the sections noted.**

- A. Current legal name** – Give current legal name of your U.S. citizen father. It is the name on his birth certificate unless it was changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage, adoption, or court order.
- B. Date of Birth** – Use eight numbers to show your U.S. citizen father's date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979).
- C. Country of Birth** – Give the name of the country where your U.S. citizen father was born. Write the name of the country even if it

no longer exists. If the name of the country has changed, write the name of the country as it was at the time of your U.S. citizen father's birth.

- D. Country of Nationality** – Write the name of the country where your U.S. citizen father is currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists and/or you are stateless, write the name of the country where your U.S. citizen father was last a citizen or national.
- E. Home Address** – Give the address where your U.S. citizen father now lives. Do NOT put post office (P.O.) box numbers here. If your U.S. citizen father is deceased, write “deceased” and provide the date of death.
- F. United States Citizenship** – Indicate how your U.S. citizen father became a U.S. citizen. Provide all the requested information.
- G. Loss of United States Citizenship** – Indicate whether your U.S. citizen father ever lost his U.S. citizenship. Provide this information even if your U.S. citizen father regained citizenship at a later date.
- H. Residence and/or Physical Presence** – Except for applicants who are claiming U.S. citizenship through the naturalization of an alien parent(s), provide all the dates when your U.S. citizen father was in United States. Dates should include all time immediately after birth as well as after the age of 14 and older.
- I. Marital History**
  - 1. Write the number of times your U.S. citizen father was married. Include any annulled marriages. If he was married more than one time to the same spouse, count each time as a separate marriage.
  - 2. If now married, provide information about your U.S. citizen father's current spouse. Check appropriate box to indicate her immigration status.
  - 3. Indicate whether your U.S. citizen father's current spouse is also your parent. If “No”, you will be asked to provide information about your father's previous spouse or spouses.

**Part 5. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Mother (or Adoptive Mother)**

Information in this section should be completed if you are claiming citizenship through a U.S. citizen mother (or adoptive mother).

**NOTE:** If you are a U.S. citizen mother (or adoptive mother) applying for a certificate of citizenship on behalf of your minor child, where information is requested about “your U.S. citizen mother”, provide information about YOURSELF in the sections noted.

- A. Current legal name** – Give current legal name of your U.S. citizen mother. It is the name on her birth certificate unless it was changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage, adoption, or court order.
- B. Date of Birth** - Use eight numbers to show your U.S. citizen mother's date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979).
- C. Country of Birth** - Give the name of the country where your U.S. citizen mother was born. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists. If the name of the country has changed, write the name of the country as it was at the time of your U.S. citizen mother's birth.
- D. Country of Nationality** – Write the name of the country where your U.S. citizen mother is currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists and/or you are stateless, write the name of the country where your U.S. citizen mother was last a citizen or national.
- E. Home Address** – Give the address where your U.S. citizen mother now lives. Do NOT put post office (P.O.) box numbers here. If your U.S. citizen mother is deceased, write “deceased” and provide the date of death.
- F. United States Citizenship** – Indicate how your U.S. citizen mother became a U.S. citizen. Provide all the requested information.
- G. Loss of United States Citizenship** – Indicate whether your U.S. citizen mother ever lost her U.S. citizenship. Provide this information even if your U.S. citizen mother regained citizenship at a later date.

- H. Residence and/or Physical Presence** – Except for applicants who are claiming U.S. citizenship through the naturalization of an alien parent(s), provide all the dates when your U.S. citizen mother was in United States. Dates should include all time immediately after birth as well as after the age of 14 and older.

**I. Marital History**

1. Write the number of times your U.S. citizen mother was married. Include any annulled marriages. If she was married more than one time to the same spouse, count each time as a separate marriage.
2. If now married, provide information about your U.S. citizen mother's current spouse. Check appropriate box to indicate his immigration status.
3. Indicate whether your U.S. citizen mother's current spouse is also your parent. If "No", you will be asked to provide information about your mother's previous spouse or spouses.

**Part 6. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Grandfather**

This section ONLY applies to applicants for certificates of citizenship under section 322 of the INA (providing for citizenship through an application process for biological and adopted children who reside outside the United States and meet certain conditions while under the age of 18).

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF:**

1. You are a U.S. citizen parent applying for citizenship on behalf of your adopted or biological child who resides outside the United States;
2. You, the U.S. citizen parent, **HAVE NOT** been physically present in the United States for 5 years, 2 years of which were after the age of 14; and
3. You, the U.S. citizen parent, are relying on the physical presence in the United States of your U.S. citizen father (the child's grandfather) to get citizenship for your adopted or biological child.

You, the U.S. citizen parent, should provide information about your U.S. citizen father in the sections noted.

- A. Current legal name** – Give current legal name of your U.S. citizen grandfather. It is the name on his birth certificate unless it was changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage, adoption, or court order.
- B. Date of Birth** – Use eight numbers to show your U.S. citizen grandfather's date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979).
- C. Country of Birth** – Give the name of the country where your U.S. citizen grandfather was born. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists. If the name of the country has changed, write the name of the country as it was at the time of your U.S. citizen grandfather's birth.
- D. Country of Nationality** – Write the name of the country where your U.S. citizen grandfather is currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists and/or you are stateless, write the name of the country where your U.S. citizen grandfather was last a citizen or national.
- E. Home Address** – Give the address where your U.S. citizen grandfather now lives. Do NOT put post office (P.O.) box numbers here. If your U.S. citizen grandfather is deceased, write "deceased" and provide the date of death.
- F. United States Citizenship** – Indicate how your U.S. citizen grandfather became a U.S. citizen. Provide all the requested information.
- G. Loss of United States Citizenship** – Indicate whether your U.S. citizen grandfather ever lost his U.S. citizenship. Provide this information even if your U.S. citizen grandfather regained citizenship at a later date.
- H. Residence and/or Physical Presence** – Provide all the dates when your U.S. citizen grandfather was in United States. Dates should include all time immediately after birth as well as after the age of 14 and older.



### Part 7. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Grandmother

This section ONLY applies to applicants for certificates of citizenship under section 322 of the INA (providing for citizenship through an application process for biological and adopted children who reside outside the United States and meet certain conditions while under the age of 18).

#### COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF:

1. You are a U.S. citizen parent applying for citizenship on behalf of your adopted or biological child who resides outside the United States;
2. You, the U.S. citizen parent, **HAVE NOT** been physically present in the United States for 5 years, 2 years of which were after the age of 14; and
3. You, the U.S. citizen parent, are relying on the physical presence in the United States of your U.S. citizen mother (the child's grandmother) to get citizenship for your adopted or biological child.

You, the U.S. citizen parent, should provide information about your U.S. citizen mother in the sections noted.

- A. **Current legal name** – Give current legal name of your U.S. citizen grandmother. It is the name on her birth certificate unless it was changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage, adoption, or court order.
- B. **Date of Birth** - Use eight numbers to show your U.S. citizen grandmother's date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979).
- C. **Country of Birth** - Give the name of the country where your U.S. citizen grandmother was born. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists. If the name of the country has changed, write the name of the country as it was at the time of your U.S. citizen grandmother's birth.
- D. **Country of Nationality** – Write the name of the country where your U.S. citizen grandmother is currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists and/or you are stateless, write the name of the country where

your U.S. citizen grandmother was last a citizen or national.

- E. **Home Address** – Give the address where your U.S. citizen grandmother now lives. Do NOT put post office (P.O.) box numbers here. If your U.S. citizen grandmother is deceased, write "deceased" and provide the date of death.
- F. **United States Citizenship** – Indicate how your U.S. citizen grandmother became a U.S. citizen. Provide all the requested information.
- G. **Loss of United States Citizenship** – Indicate whether your U.S. citizen grandmother ever lost her U.S. citizenship. Provide this information even if your U.S. citizen grandmother regained citizenship at a later date.
- H. **Residence and/or Physical Presence** – Provide all the dates when your U.S. citizen grandmother was in United States. Dates should include all time immediately after birth as well as after the age of 14 and older.

### Part 8. Information About Military Service of U.S. Citizen Parent – (If Applicable)

Provide requested information if either U.S. citizen parent served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Also indicate whether he or she was honorably discharged from service.

### Part 9. Your Signature

If you are over the age of 18 and you are filing this application for yourself, you must sign and date the application. If you do not sign the application, the Service will return the application to you.

If you are under the age of 18 and your U.S. citizen parent or legal guardian is filing the application on your behalf, your U.S. citizen parent or legal guardian must sign and date the application. If your U.S. citizen parent or legal guardian does not sign the application, the application will be returned.

**Part 10. Signature of Person Preparing Form  
If Other Than Applicant**

If you do not fill out the Form N-600 yourself, the preparer must also sign, date, and give his or her address. If the preparer is a business or organization, its' name must be included on the form.

**Part 11. Affidavit**

**DO NOT COMPLETE THIS PART. You will be asked to complete this part at the interview.**

**Part 12. Officer Report and Recommendation**

**DO NOT COMPLETE THIS PART. For INS use only.**

**PENALTIES**

INS wants to make sure that you receive the requested immigration benefit if you are eligible for it. To do this, we may ask for more evidence, interview you, and/or conduct an investigation. **If you give us false documents, misrepresent facts, or otherwise engage in fraud, INS will take appropriate action.** This means we will not only deny your application, but you may lose current and future immigration benefits and you may face penalties including criminal and/or civil prosecution leading to fines and/or imprisonment.

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INS will use the information and evidence requested on Form N-600 to determine your eligibility for the requested immigration benefit. We may provide information from your application to other government agencies.

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For this application we estimate that it takes 15 minutes to learn about the law, form, and process. The time it takes to complete the form is estimated at 20 minutes and 1 hour to assemble and file the application, including average travel time. The total preparation time is estimated at 1 hours and 35 minutes. If you have comments about this estimate or suggestions for simplifying this form, write to:

Immigration and Naturalization Service  
HQPDI  
425 "I" Street, N.W., Room 4034  
Washington, D.C. 20536;  
OMB No. 1115-0018

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U.S. Department of Justice  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

OMB No. 1115-0018  
**Application for Certificate of Citizenship**

Print clearly or type your answers using CAPITAL letters. Failure to print clearly may delay your application. Use black or blue ink.

**Part 1. Information About You** (Provide information about yourself, if you are the person applying for the Certificate of Citizenship. If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for a Certificate of Citizenship for your minor child, provide information about your child.)

**A. Current legal name.**

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

**B. Name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card (If Applicable).**

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

**C. Other names used since birth.**

Family Name (Last Name)      Given Name (First Name)      Middle Name (If Applicable)

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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**D. Social Security Number (If Applicable)**

**E. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)**

**F. Country of Birth**

**G. Country of Nationality**

**H. Gender**

Male ☐ Female ☐

**I. Height**

**J. Visible Scars, Marks, Etc.**

**Part 2. Information About Your Eligibility (Check Only One)**

**A. I am claiming United States citizenship through:**

- ☐ A United States citizen father.
- ☐ A United States citizen mother.
- ☐ Both United States citizen parents.
- ☐ A United States citizen adoptive parent(s).
- ☐ An alien parent(s) who naturalized.
- ☐ A United States citizen husband based on a marriage before September 22, 1922.

**B. ☐ I am a United States citizen parent applying for citizenship on behalf of my minor (under 18 years) BIOLOGICAL child.**

**C. ☐ I am a United States citizen parent applying for citizenship on behalf of my minor (under 18 years) ADOPTED child.**

**D. ☐ Other (Please explain fully) \_\_\_\_\_**

Write Your INS "A"  
Number Here:

A \_\_\_\_\_

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Bar Code

Date Stamp

Remarks

Action

**Part 3. Additional Information About You** (Provide additional information about yourself, if you are the person applying for the Certificate of Citizenship. If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for a Certificate of Citizenship for your minor child, provide the additional information about your minor child).

**A. Home Address – Street Number and Name** (Do NOT Write a P.O. Box in This Space)

<input type="text"/>			Apartment Number <input type="text"/>	
City <input type="text"/>	County <input type="text"/>	State or Province <input type="text"/>	Country <input type="text"/>	Zip Code <input type="text"/>

**B. Mailing Address – Street Number and Name** (If Different From Home Address)

<input type="text"/>			Apartment Number <input type="text"/>	
City <input type="text"/>	County <input type="text"/>	State or Province <input type="text"/>	Country <input type="text"/>	Zip Code <input type="text"/>

**C. Daytime Phone Number** (If Any)

**Evening Phone Number** (If Any)

**E-Mail Address** (If Any)

**D. Marital Status**

☐ Single, Never Married    ☐ Married    ☐ Divorced    ☐ Widowed  
☐ Marriage Annulled or Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Information about entry into the United States and current immigration status**

1. I arrived in the following manner:

Port of Entry (City/State) <input type="text"/>	Date of Entry (Month/Day/Year) <input type="text"/>	Mode of Entry (Plane/Car/Boat/etc.) <input type="text"/>
Exact Name Used at Time of Entry: <input type="text"/>		

2. I used the following travel document to enter:

☐ Passport

Passport Number <input type="text"/>	Country Issuing Passport <input type="text"/>	Date Passport Issued (Month/Day/Year) <input type="text"/>
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☐ Other (Please Specify Name of Document and Dates of Issuance) \_\_\_\_\_

3. I entered as:

- ☐ An immigrant (lawful permanent resident) using an immigrant visa  
☐ A nonimmigrant  
☐ A refugee  
☐ Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

4. I obtained lawful permanent resident status through adjustment of status (If Applicable):

Date You Became a Permanent Resident (Month/Day/Year) <input type="text"/>	INS Office Where Granted Adjustment of Status <input type="text"/>
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**F. Have you previously applied for a certificate of citizenship or United States passport?** ☐ No ☐ Yes (Attach Explanation) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3. Additional Information About You** (Provide additional information about yourself, if you are the person applying for the Certificate of Citizenship. If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying for a Certificate of Citizenship for your minor child, provide the additional information about your minor child) - **Continued**

**G. Were you adopted?** ☐ No ☐ Yes (Please complete the following information):

Date of Adoption (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Final Adoption (City/State or Country)

Date Legal Custody Began (Month/Day/Year)

Date Physical Custody Began (Month/Day/Year)

**H. Did you have to be re-adopted in the United States?** ☐ No ☐ Yes (Please complete the following information):

Date of Final Adoption (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Final Adoption (City/State)

Date Legal Custody Began (Month/Day/Year)

Date Physical Custody Began (Month/Day/Year)

**I. Were your parents married to each other when you were born (or adopted)?** ☐ No ☐ Yes

**J. Have you been absent from the United States since you first arrived?** ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please complete the following information about all absences, beginning with your most recent trip. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

Date You Left the United States (Month/Day/Year)	Date You Returned to the United States (Month/Day/Year)	Place of Entry Upon Return to United States

**Part 4. Information About United States Citizen Father (or Adoptive Father)** – (Complete this section if you are claiming citizenship through a United States citizen father. If you are a United States citizen father applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor biological or adopted child, provide information about **YOURSELF** below).

**A. Current legal name of United States citizen father.**

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

**B. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)**

**C. Country of Birth**

**D. Country of Nationality**

**E. Home Address – Street Number and Name (If Deceased, So State & Enter Date of Death)**

Apartment Number

City

County

State or Province

Country

Zip Code

**Part 4. Information About Your United States Citizen Father (or Adoptive Father)** - (Complete this section if you are claiming citizenship through a United States citizen father (or adoptive father). If you are a United States citizen father applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor biological or adopted child, provide information about **YOURSELF** below) - **Continued**

**F. United States citizen by:**

☐ Birth in the United States

☐ Naturalization

Date of Naturalization (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Naturalization (Name of Court & City/State or INS Office Location)

Certificate of Naturalization No.

Former "A" Number (If Known)

☐ Through birth abroad to United States citizen parent(s)

☐ Acquired after birth through naturalization of alien parent(s)

**G. Has your father ever lost United States citizenship or taken any action that would cause loss of United States citizenship?**

☐ No ☐ Yes (Please Provide Full Explanation)

**H. Dates of Residence and/or Physical Presence in the United States**

Provide the dates your U.S. citizen father resided in or was physically present in the United States. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

From (Month/Day/Year)	To (Month/Day/Year)

**I. Marital History**

1. How many times has your U.S. citizen father been married (including annulled marriages)?

2. Information about U.S. citizen father's **current spouse**:

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

Country of Birth

Country of Nationality

Home Address - Street Number and Name

Apartment Number

City

County

State or Province

Country

Zip Code

Date of Marriage (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Marriage (City/State or Country)

Spouse's Immigration Status:

☐ United States Citizen ☐ Lawful Permanent Resident ☐ Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is your U.S. citizen father's current spouse also your mother? ☐ No ☐ Yes

**Part 5. Information About Your United States Citizen Mother (or Adoptive Mother)** - (Complete this section if you are claiming citizenship through a United States citizen mother (or adoptive mother). If you are a United States citizen mother applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor biological or adopted child, provide information about YOURSELF below).

**A. Current legal name of United States citizen mother .**

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

**B. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)**

**C. Country of Birth**

**D. Country of Nationality**

**E. Home Address – Street Number and Name (If Deceased, So State & Enter Date of Death)**

Apartment Number

City

County

State or Province

Country

Zip Code

**F. United States citizen by:**

☐ Birth in the United States

☐ Naturalization

Date of Naturalization (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Naturalization (Name of Court & City/State or INS Office Location)

Certificate of Naturalization No.

Former "A" Number (If Known)

☐ Through birth abroad to United States citizen parent(s)

☐ Acquired after birth through naturalization of alien parent(s)

**G. Has your mother ever lost United States citizenship or taken any action that would cause loss of United States citizenship?**

☐ No

☐ Yes (Please Provide Full Explanation)

**H. Dates of Residence and/or Physical Presence in the United States**

Provide the dates that your U.S. citizen mother resided in or was physically present in the United States. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

From (Month/Day/Year)	To (Month/Day/Year)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**I. Marital History**

1. How many times has your U.S. citizen mother been married (including annulled marriages)?

2. Information about your U.S. citizen mother's **current spouse**:

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

Country of Birth

Country of Nationality

**Part 5. Information About Your United States Citizen Mother (or Adoptive Mother)** - (Complete this section if you are claiming citizenship through a United States citizen mother (or adoptive mother). If you are a United States citizen mother applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor biological or adopted child, provide information about YOURSELF below) - **Continued**

Home Address – Street Number and Name

Apartment Number

City

County

State or Province

Country

Zip Code

Date of Marriage (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Marriage (City/State or Country)

Spouse's Immigration Status:

☐ United States Citizen ☐ Lawful Permanent Resident ☐ Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is your U.S. citizen mother's current spouse also your father? ☐ No ☐ Yes

**Part 6. Information About Your United States Citizen Grandfather** – (Complete this section **ONLY** if you are a U.S. citizen parent (or adoptive parent) applying for a Certificate of Citizenship for your biological or adopted child and you **HAVE NOT** been physically present in the United States for 5 years, 2 years of which were after the age of 14. You, the U.S. citizen parent, provide information below about your U.S. citizen father (who is the U.S. citizen "grandfather" of your minor child)

**A. Current legal name of United States citizen grandfather.**

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

**B. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)**

**C. Country of Birth**

**D. Country of Nationality**

**E. United States citizen by:**

☐ Birth in the United States

☐ Naturalization

Date of Naturalization (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Naturalization (Name of Court &amp; City/State or INS Office Location)

Certificate of Naturalization No.

Former "A" Number (If Known)

☐ Through birth abroad to United States citizen parent(s)

☐ Acquired after birth through naturalization of alien parent(s)

**F. Has your grandfather ever lost United States citizenship or taken any action that would cause loss of United States citizenship?**

☐ No ☐ Yes (Please Provide Full Explanation)



**Part 6. Information About Your United States Citizen Grandfather - Continued****G. Dates of Residence and/or Physical Presence in the United States**

Provide the dates that your U.S. citizen grandfather lived in the United States. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

From (Month/Day/Year)	To (Month/Day/Year)

**Part 7. Information About Your United States Citizen Grandmother** -- (Complete this section *ONLY* if you are a U.S. citizen parent (or adoptive parent) applying for a Certificate of Citizenship for your biological or adopted child and you **HAVE NOT** been physically present in the United States for 5 years, 2 years of which were after the age of 14. You, the U.S. citizen parent, provide information below about your U.S. citizen mother (who is the U.S. citizen "grandmother" of your minor child).

**A. Current legal name of United States citizen grandmother.**

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Full Middle Name (If Applicable)

**B. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)****C. Country of Birth****D. Country of Nationality****E. United States citizen by:**☐ Birth in the United States☐ Naturalization

Date of Naturalization (Month/Day/Year)

Place of Naturalization (Name of Court &amp; City/State or INS Office Location)

Certificate of Naturalization No.

Former "A" Number (If Known)

☐ Through birth abroad to United States citizen parent(s)☐ Acquired after birth through naturalization of alien parent(s)**F. Has your grandmother ever lost United States citizenship or taken any action that would cause loss of United States citizenship?**☐ No☐ Yes (Please Provide Full Explanation)**G. Dates of Residence and/or Physical Presence in the United States**

Provide the dates that your U.S. citizen grandmother resided in or was physically present in the United States. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

From (Month/Day/Year)	To (Month/Day/Year)

**Part 8. Information About Military Service of United States Citizen Parent(s) – (If Applicable)**Has Your United States Citizen Parent(s) Served in the Armed Forces? ☐ No ☐ Yes☐ United States Citizen Father☐ United States Citizen Mother

Dates of Service (Month/Day/Year to Month/Day/Year)

TO

Discharge Was: ☐ Honorable ☐ Other Than Honorable ☐ Dishonorable**Part 9. Signature**

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that this application, and the evidence submitted with it, is all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information from my records that the INS needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

Applicant's Signature

Print Name

Date (Month/Day/Year)

**Part 10. Signature of Person Preparing This Form If Other Than Above**

I declare that I prepared this application at the request of the above person. The answers provided are based on information of which I have personal knowledge and/or were provided to me by the above-named person in response to the questions contained on this form.

Preparer's Printed Name

Preparer's Signature

Name of Business/Organization(If Applicable)

Preparer's Daytime Phone Number

Date (Month/Day/Year)

Preparer's Address – Street Number and Name

City

County

State

Zip Code

**DO NOT COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PARTS UNLESS INS OFFICER INSTRUCTS YOU TO DO SO AT THE INTERVIEW****Part 11. Affidavit**

I, the (applicant, parent, or legal guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ do swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury laws of the United States, that I know and understand the contents of this application signed by me, and the attached supplementary pages number ( ) to ( ) inclusive; that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that corrections number ( ) to ( ) were made by me or at my request.

Signature of parent, guardian, or applicant

Date (Month/Day/Year)

Subscribed and sworn or affirmed before me upon examination of the applicant (parent, guardian) on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Interviewing Officer

Title

**Part 12. Officer Report and Recommendation on Application for Certificate of Citizenship**

On the basis of the documents, records, and the testimony of persons examined, and the identification upon personal appearance of the underage beneficiary, I find that all the facts and conclusions set forth under oath in this application are \_\_\_\_\_ true and correct; that the applicant did \_\_\_\_\_ derive or acquire United States citizenship on \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year), through (mark "X" in appropriate section of law or, if section of law not reflected, insert applicable section of law in "Other" block): section 301 of the INA \_\_\_\_\_; section 309 of the INA \_\_\_\_\_; section 320 of the INA \_\_\_\_\_; section 321 of the INA \_\_\_\_\_; section 322 of the INA \_\_\_\_\_; section 322 of the INA (grandparent residence); \_\_\_\_\_; Other \_\_\_\_\_

and that (s)he \_\_\_\_\_ (has/has not) been expatriated since that time, I recommend that this application be \_\_\_\_\_ (granted or denied) and that \_\_\_\_\_ (A or AA) Certificate of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ be issued in the name of \_\_\_\_\_.

District Adjudication Officer's Name and Title

District Adjudication Officer's Signature

I do \_\_\_\_\_ concur in recommendation of the application.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

District Director or Officer-in-Charge Signature