



FORT SILL LEGAL ASSISTANCE



CITIZENSHIP FOR OVERSEAS CHILDREN

How can I obtain citizenship for my children overseas?

Please refer to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website at <https://www.uscis.gov/military/citizenship-for-military-family-members>. This will provide you with up-to-date changes to the requirements for your application.

U.S. citizen service members may apply for naturalization on behalf of their children born outside of the United States who have not automatically acquired citizenship under Section 320 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Children will be able to go through the naturalization process from outside of the United States.

To be eligible:

- The child must be under 18 years old and unmarried.
- At least one parent is a U.S. citizen or, if deceased, the parent was a U.S. citizen at their death.
- The U.S. citizen parent has been physically present in the United States or its outlying possessions for at least five years, at least two of which were after attaining the age of 14.
Alternatively, if the U.S. citizen parent is now deceased had been physically present in the U.S. for at least five years, two of which were after attaining the age of 14.
- The child is residing outside of the United States in the legal and physical custody of the U.S. citizen parent (or, if the citizen parent is deceased, an individual who does not object to the application).
- Must be able to take the oath of allegiance before their 18th birthday.

These benefits are available only to biological, legitimated, or adopted children of U.S. citizen members of the U.S. armed forces and **do not apply to step-children** of the U.S. citizen parent.

How do I Apply?

Provided the child is eligible for the application, you should follow these three steps:

STEP ONE: Fill Out Form N-600K

Application for Citizenship and Issuance
of Certificate Under Section 322

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form N-600K
OMB No. 1615-0087
Expires 09/30/2022

For USCIS Use Only	Date Stamp	Receipt	Action Block
	Remarks		
To be completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any).	<input type="checkbox"/> Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable) <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any) <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

▶ **START HERE** - Type or print in black ink.
NOTE: The applicant on this form is the child's parent, grandparent, or legal guardian.

You will need a completed Form N-600K for your application; you will need to either download or print it and then fill it out in either type or blank ink.

- You can find the form at <https://www.uscis.gov/n-600k>.
- You can find instructions on how to fill out the form at <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/n-600kinstr.pdf>.

STEP TWO: Attach Evidence Required by Form N-600K

Evidence Required:

1. Two passport-style photographs of your child taken with a white or off-white background.
2. The child's birth certificate or record.
3. The U.S. citizen parent's birth certificate or record.
4. Proof of required physical presence in the United States for the U.S. citizen parent (or grandparent if a parent does not meet the requirement).
5. Proof of U.S. citizenship for the qualifying parent (and grandparent if applicable).
6. Proof of Legitimation (if applicable).

You will also need evidence of your residence abroad:

- You may show that the child resides abroad on official orders with the U.S. citizen-parent service member by submitting a copy of the PCS orders that include the child's name.
- If the PCS orders do not specifically name the applicant beyond reference to "child" or "dependent," then also include a copy of the service member's Form DD1172 (DEERS Enrollment), naming the child.

STEP THREE: File your Form N-600K

- **You MUST attach a filing fee to your application.**
 - Currently, the filing fee is \$1,170, which you can pay either a personal check, money order, or cashier's check.
 - Please check <https://www.uscis.gov/n-600k> to ensure the correct filing fee before filing.
- Make sure you have completed all sections and **SIGNED** the Form N-600K before filing. Unsigned forms will be rejected by USCIS.

Where do I need to file?

You can file Form N-600 either online, which requires a USCIS account, or by mail.

Mail your Form N-600K to:

For U.S. Postal Service (USPS):

USCIS
P.O. Box 20100
Phoenix, AZ 85036

For FedEx, UPS, and DHL deliveries:

USCIS

Attn: Form N-600K

1820 E. Skyharbor Circle S

Suite 100

Phoenix, AZ 85034

Please make sure to check <https://www.uscis.gov/n-600k> to ensure you are using the correct address required by the form. Otherwise, your application may be delayed.

What if I need help with my application?

Current members of the military and their families, as well as veterans, may call the USCIS toll-free military helpline at 877-CIS-4MIL (877-247-4645, TTY 800-877-8339) or by sending an e-mail to militaryinfo@uscis.dhs.gov. Representatives can answer your questions Monday through Friday from 0800 AM - 1600 PM CST, excluding federal holidays.

You can also find guidance on how to fill out your forms at <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-guidance/form-filing-tips> and <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-guidance>.

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This Information Paper provides only basic information and is not intended to serve as a substitute for personal consultation with a Legal Assistance Attorney. To schedule an appointment with a Legal Assistance Attorney, please contact the Legal Assistance Office at (580) 442-5058. The Fort Sill Legal Assistance Office is located on the 4th Floor of Building 4700 (Welcome Center) at 4700 Mow-Way Road, Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503.