

## Citizenship Requirements

### United States Citizens and Eligible Non-Citizens.

#### Requirements for Federal Programs

You must be one of the following to receive state and or federal student aid:

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swain's Island)
- U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551, or I-551C (Permanent Resident Card)

**If you're not in one of these categories, you must be an eligible noncitizen, and you must have an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following designations:**

- "Refugee"
- "Asylum Granted"
- "Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending"
- "Conditional Entrant" (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
- Victims of human trafficking, T-visa (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.) holder
- "Parolee" (You must be paroled into the United States for at least one year and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and that you intend to become a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.)

If you have only a Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence (I-171 or I-464), you aren't eligible for federal student aid.

If you're in the United States on certain visas, including an F1 or F2 student visa, or a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, you're not eligible for federal student aid.

Also, persons with G series visas (pertaining to international organizations) are not eligible. For more information about other types of visas that are not acceptable, check with your school's financial aid office.

#### Requirements for State Programs

A student meets the citizenship requirements, for purposes of the State Programs, if he or she is a United States Citizen, born or naturalized, for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes of the school term (semester or quarter) for which the student is seeking assistance from one or more State Programs.

A student meets the citizenship requirements, for purposes of the State Programs, if he or she is an Eligible Non-Citizen, according to the Federal Title IV Regulations, for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes of the school term (semester or quarter) for which the student is seeking assistance from one or more State Programs.

**Ineligible Non-Citizens.**

A student does not meet the citizenship requirements, for purposes of the State Programs, if he or she holds an F1 or F2 student visa, a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, a G series visa, or any other classification not included in the definition of an Eligible Non-Citizen in the Federal Title IV Regulations.