

PURSUE YOUR DREAM OF
BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN!



The Immigration Project is conducting an application workshop
for Legal Permanent Residents who are ready to naturalize
(become U.S. Citizens) on

Friday, April 5th, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community Health Care Clinic

900 Franklin Ave, Normal, IL 61761



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LIST OF DOCS NEEDED to prepare for a citizenship workshop with Immigration Project. A citizenship workshop is where we can do an initial and final legal assessment, fill out all pertinent USCIS applications, and have a case ready to mail by the end of the day.

DOCUMENT PREPARATION FOR WORKSHOP

Please have this information and documents together and bring them with you at the workshop. **If you do not have everything the day of the workshop, there is a good chance that you will be turned away.**

→**SERVICE FEE:** \$50 payable to “Immigration Project” NO CASH PLEASE – check or money order payable to “Immigration Project”. The Service Fee is separate from the government filing fee.

→**BRING THESE CARDS:** “Green card” (permanent resident card), Social Security Card, Photo Identification

→**IF MARRIED:** Marriage certification (AND TRANSLATION signed by competent translator with competency statement)

→**IF YOU OR YOUR CURRENT SPOUSE ARE DIVORCED** bring papers from **YOUR divorce and from any divorces your current husband/wife has had.** (We do NOT need the Parenting Agreement section, just the Dissolution section.)

→**IF YOU GOT YOUR GREEN CARD THROUGH YOUR CURRENT SPOUSE WHO IS A U.S. CITIZEN, BRING A COPY OF PROOF OF YOUR SPOUSE’S U.S. CITIZENSHIP** (birth certificate or Certificate of Naturalization)

→**MAKE THESE THREE LISTS COVERING YOUR HISTORY FROM 2014 TO THE PRESENT**

1. **Trips out of U.S. more than 24 hours** --- month/day/year that you left U.S. and mo/day/year that you returned to U.S. *(Please note we will NOT take time at the workshop to figure this out using your passport. You should write the list beforehand. You will lose your place in line at the workshop if not done ahead of time.)*
2. **Employment** (with addresses and month/year began and month/year ended - listing the day is not necessary.)
3. **Residences** (with addresses and month/year began and month/year ended - listing the day is not necessary.)

→**MAKE A LIST OF ALL YOUR CHILDREN YOU HAVE HAD (if any)** – this should include child’s full name upon birth, Date of Birth, and their address if they don’t live with you – includes adult children and current step-children, even child who are deceased. If your minor child has a green card, please provide a copy of the front and back of their green card.

Note: You won’t need your children’s birth certificates to apply for Citizenship, you don’t have to bring it/them to The Immigration Project appointment. But you will need it/them when you have the interview with USCIS, and it/they has/have to be translated to English.

→**Obtain original CERTIFIED COURT DISPOSITIONS FOR ANY AND ALL traffic tickets, arrests, or court records.** Go to the Circuit Clerk in the County where it happened and ask for a “Certified Court Disposition” for each offense or arrest or, yes, even traffic tickets! This disposition MUST show if your case was dismissed or if you had to pay a fine or complete a class or probation or jail term AND if you DID complete the sentence.

→**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: The government currently charges \$725 for a citizenship application. But there are 2 possible fee waivers. If you or your spouse receive LINK or Medicaid you qualify for a 100% fee waiver of the government fee, and owe nothing. Others may have to pay only \$405 instead of \$725. When you have everything ready, email me your taxes and who lives in your home, and I will evaluate if you qualify for either fee waiver: mtaylor@immigrationproject.org**

1. Everyone needs to provide pages 1 and 2 of 2017 Tax Form 1040 “U.S. Individual Tax Return” or page 1 of Tax Form 1040EZ “Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers with no Dependents” for everyone in the home who works.
2. If you get benefits like LINK, Medicaid, or cash assistance, go to your caseworker and ask him/her to print a new letter for you like this sample letter. This letter must include the signature or stamp of caseworker AND it should also state the date benefits began and when they end or need to be renewed.

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