

Who is eligible for Federal Student Aid?

New York City College of Technology

If you are not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, you must have one of the following immigration statuses in order to qualify for federal student aid payments:

- U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551, or I-551C Resident Alien Card (Documentation must not be expired)
- An Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) stamped “Refugee, Asylum Granted, Indefinite Parole, Humanitarian Parole, Cuban-Haitian Entrant, or Conditional Entrant”
- Persons who have been designated “victims of human trafficking; or “battered immigrants-qualified aliens”

If you only have the following documents as proof of immigration status, you do not qualify for federal student aid funds:

- Notice of approval to apply for Permanent Residence (Form I-171 or I-464)
- Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688)
- Employment Authorization Card (Form I-688A or I688B)
- Family Unity Status (Form I-817)
- Arrival Departure Record (I-94) stamped with F-1, F-2 or M-1 Student Visa, B-1 or B-2 Visitor Visa, A-2 or A3 Visas, J-1 or J-2 Exchange Visitors Visa, or G, H, L, or U series Visas.
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Temporary Protected Status
- Students with a withholding or removal order



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FINANCIAL AID & VERIFICATION OF MY IMMIGRATION STATUS

Why do I have to submit my immigration documents?

When you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Department of Education (DOE) attempts to verify your eligible immigration status with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Social Security Administration (SSA).

If the verification with DHS records is successful, your Student Aid Report (SAR) will reflect that your claim of an eligible immigration status has been confirmed.

If the verification is not successful, the Office of Financial Aid must collect a photocopy of your immigration documents and may be required to forward them to DHS so that they may verify the documents and confirm your status.

Federal regulations specify the types of documentation required to verify your immigration status (please see The Summary of Acceptable Documentation). A final decision about your financial aid eligibility will not be made until you have submitted your immigration status documents and they have been confirmed by DHS.

Acceptable Documentation	
U.S. Citizen	
U.S. Passport Book or Passport Card	Current or expired; MUST be issued for 10 years (cannot be limited)
Certificate of Citizenship	Must have student's name, certificate number, and the date the certificate was issued
Certificate of Naturalization	Must have student's name, certificate number, Alien Registration number, name of court (and date) where naturalization occurred
Birth Certificate	Must show birth in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swain's Island, or the Northern Mariana Island
"Certificate of Birth Abroad" Form FS-545, DS-1350, or FS-240, "Report of Birth Abroad"	Must have embossed seal "United States of America" and "State Department"
Permanent Resident	
"Permanent Resident Card" Form I-551 or the "Alien Registration Receipt Card," Form I-151	Acceptable if not expired at the time of confirmation
Foreign Passport	Must be stamped "Processed for I-551" with expiration date
"Arrival-Departure Record" Form I-94	Must be stamped "Processed for I-551" with expiration date, or "Temporary Form I-551," with appropriate information filled in
Other Eligible Non Citizens	
Arrival Departure Record Form I-94	Must be stamped as a Refugee, Asylum Status, Conditional Entrant (Before April 1, 1980), Parolee, Cuban-Haitian Entrant
Certification Letter or Eligibility Letter (for Victims of Human Trafficking), I-94	Must be issued by Health and Human Services (HHS); cannot be expired; I-94 must be stamped with T1, T2, T3, or TCOA code
Form I-797 or court order documents (for Battered Immigrants)	Court documents should be a "suspension of deportation" or a cancellation of removal"

Is there a deadline for me to submit my immigration documents?

YES! In order to receive federal financial aid payments for the current award period, the Office of Financial Aid **MUST** have received your FAFSA record and certified that the information entered into the FAFSA is complete and correct **by your last day of attendance** for the semester you are seeking a financial aid payment.

If your immigration documents have to be sent to DHS for status confirmation, they must be submitted while you are enrolled.

If your FAFSA is selected for verification, you have up to 120 days after your last day of attendance to submit any requested documentation including the documents supporting your claim of eligible immigration status.

NOTE: You will not be able to receive any disbursements of federal funds and no Direct Loan applications can be processed until the Financial Aid office has determined your FAFSA information, including the confirmation of your immigration status.