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**Media Note** 

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Nothing keeps you grounded like an expired or non-existent passport, so if you're planning to travel overseas this summer, you'll want to be sure to have a valid one. Even the Secretary of State needs a passport. Click here to hear her "My First Passport" story.

On Saturday, March 10, the Department of State will host its fourth annual "Passport Day in the USA." U.S. citizens may apply for a passport book or passport card at any one of the 25 domestic passport agencies or hundreds of participating non-Department passport application acceptance facilities.

This is the only day all year U.S. citizens may apply directly at a passport agency without making an appointment, and we encourage applicants to apply early to avoid the last-minute rush. Passport Day in the USA makes it easy for all travelers -- families going on summer vacations, students participating in study abroad programs, or those planning to travel to London for the 2012 Olympic Games -- to apply for a first-time passport or renew their current passport.

Both routine and expedited processing service may be requested. To reduce waiting times on March 10, customers are encouraged to complete applications online at <a href="http://travel.state.gov">http://travel.state.gov</a> and bring their completed, unsigned forms to the nearest passport agency or acceptance facility.

U.S. citizens may visit our website at http://travel.state.gov for a listing of participating acceptance facilities. The website also contains information about the passport application, fees, and processing times. This information can also be obtained by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778 or TDD/TTY at 1-888-874-7793.

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