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Benefits of U.S. Citizenship

Government Employment: You may obtain one of the many government-related jobs restricted only to U.S. citizens.

Public Benefits: You can collect certain public benefits that Legal Permanent Residents cannot. You can also receive Social Security benefits wherever you live worldwide.

Tax Deductions: You can receive substantial deductions on U.S. estate taxes.

End to USCIS Reporting: U.S. citizens don't have to report any information—address changes or anything else —to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Source: <u>http://www.immlaw.com/citizenship.html</u>







Benefits of U.S. Citizenship

Residency Assistance for Family Members

You can help family members become Permanent Residents.

You may be able to sponsor your:

- > Spouse
- Parent
- Child of any age, married or unmarried
- Brother
- > Sister

Be careful! Becoming a citizen doesn't mean your family member will automatically qualify for permanent residence. If there is any criminal history or prior immigration issues (such as illegal entry, fraud, illegal work, false claims to citizenship or prior deportations), you may not be able to complete the sponsorship process, despite your new status. Don't risk of wasting time and money, or even exposing your family member to deportation. Check with an immigration attorney before filing any forms with USCIS.







What's the Big Deal?

- DHS's "last chance" to identify any defects, inconsistencies in prior applications or LPR status; assess removability
- Unsuccessful application results in delays or more expenses for re-filing, lengthy appeals, possible removal liability







Eligibility Requirements

✓ Be at least 18 years of age

- ✓ Have been a Legal Permanent Resident for 5 years OR 3 years if your spouse is a U.S. citizen and you have lived with that person for the entire 3 years, and throughout those 3 years they have been U.S. Citizen
- ✓ If you lived in the U.S. between the ages of 18 to 26 and were born after 1960, you must have registered for Selective Service (even if you were undocumented at the time)
- ✓ Have basic knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government.
- ✓ Be able to read, write and speak basic English unless they fall under the "50-20" or "55-15" exemptions.
- $\checkmark\,$ Be a person of good moral character.







Continuous Residence & Physical Presence

Continuity of Residence – INA 316(a)(2) and 316(b); 8CFR 316.2(a)(6)

If outside the US for more than one year, the applicant has broken the continuity of residence

If more than 6 months, but less than one year, there is a rebuttable presumption that the continuity of residence has been interrupted. Applicant has the burden of proving the continuity of residence has not been broken.

If continuity of residence is broken, then applicant can file N-400 <u>4 years and 1 day</u> after the person resumes US residence

Physical Presence Requirement

You must have been physically present here for a total of at least 30 months.







Lack of Good Moral Character

What MAY constitute lack of good moral character (and even expose an applicant to removal):

- Almost any crime involving force, fraud or other serious misconduct; Violating any controlled substance law of the U.S., any state, or foreign country; Habitual drunkenness Drunk driving (D.W.I/D.U.I); Prostitution; Illegal gambling; Failing to pay child support or court-ordered alimony payments (note that an applicant may be required to show they support their children, even if there is no court order); Lying to gain immigrant benefits
- Some things bar a finding of good moral character forever (you can never qualify for citizenship); some things will only affect an application if they took place during the three or five year period preceding application.







Criminal Record

Applicants who have been arrested, cited, or detained, should:

- First, check with an attorney to ensure that the incident does not expose you to removal liability, as well as whether you can still demonstrate Good Moral Character during the statutory period
- Second, for any arrest, citation, conviction, plea or diversion, obtain a certified copy of court dispositions, and sentencing or any other relevant documents. Note that an arrest report may be requested if not initially provided.
- Third, document any traffic infractions (the original citation and proof that any fines were paid). If a traffic incident resulted in injury, was related to alcohol or drugs, or involved the use of false information or identification, applicants should check with an attorney before filing and may need to submit additional documentation.







DHS will look for: Defects in grant of underlying status, abandonment of residency and/or removable offenses

- **Potential removal liability** if inadmissible at time of entry, other immigration violations, crimes, fraud, false claim to US citizenship, voting
- Naturalization can be undone--"denaturalization"
- Fraud can make case enforcement priority; natz fraud may be prosecuted as federal crime







- It is extremely important to pay special attention to any red flags that arise during the completion of the N-400 at a Citizenship Day or other group processing event.
- Filing an N-400 is not always in the best interest of the LPR.







Eligibility Checklist

Call an attorney or trained staff member to verify is applicant is eligible to apply if they answer yes to the following questions:

- 1. Have you been outside the U.S. for six months or more since becoming a Legal Permanent Resident?
- 2. Have you EVER claimed to be a U.S. citizen (in writing or any other way)?
- 3. Have you EVER registered to vote in any federal, state, or local election in the United States?
- 4. Are you younger than 18?
- 5. Have you EVER lied to any U.S. government official to gain entry into the United States?
- 6. Have you EVER been arrested, cited, or detained by any law enforcement officer (including USCIS and military officers) for any reason?
- 7. Have you EVER been charged or convicted of committing a crime or offense?
- 9. Have you EVER had your criminal record cleared?
- 10. Since becoming a Legal Permanent Resident, have you EVER failed to file a required federal, state, or local tax return?
- 11. Do you owe ANY overdue taxes, whether federal, state, or local?

In general, if you are unsure on any of these questions please speak with an attorney or trained staff member for assistance







Military Exceptions

• Active members of the military at time of war qualify immediately for naturalization

• One year of good moral character required

USCIS Military Hotline: 1-877-CIS-4MIL (1-877-247-4645)







Asylee and Refugee Eligibility

- Asylees: four years from date of admission as a permanent resident
- Permanent residence counted from admission as a refugee
- Travel to "problematic" countries can mean TRIG, terrorism or other national security inquiries
- Return home after asylum or refugee grant can result in increased scrutiny







English and Civics Proficiency Requirements

You must show the interviewer that you:

- a) can speak, read, and write basic English, and
- b) b) know basic facts about civics, that is, U.S. history and government.
- A. English. You do not have to take the English test if:
 - a. You are **50 and have been a** Permanent Resident for at least **20** years.
 - b. You are 55 and have been a Permanent Resident for at least 15 years.

If you decide not to take the English test, you must bring an interpreter to the interview.

B. Civics. You must get 6 questions out of 10 right on the civics test. You will be required to study from a list of 100 possible questions.

a. If you are 65 and have been a Permanent Resident for at least 20 years, you can study from a designated list of just 20 questions.

If you have certain medical conditions, you can skip one or both exams. Complete Form N-648 (Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions) if you believe you have one.







The Naturalization Process

Step 1: Complete Your Written Application

Fill Out the Application Provide Documents

Step 2: Have Your Fingerprints Taken

• USCIS will send you an appointment letter telling you when and where to go for your fingerprinting. If you absolutely cannot attend at the place or time, follow the instructions for rescheduling on the letter.

• Arrive early for the appointment. Do NOT be late or miss the appointment.

•Bring your appointment letter from the USCIS to the fingerprinting, along with your Permanent Resident Card and another form of official photo identification, such as a driver's license or state ID.

Step 3: The Interview

Wait for the USCIS to schedule your interview. The agency will send you an appointment letter, which will tell you the date, time, and place of your interview. If you absolutely cannot attend the interview, follow the rescheduling instructions in the letter immediately. While the USCIS is conducting your background check, they may request additional documents before it schedules your interview. If so, they will send you a letter explaining what they need and where to send it.

Step 4: Take the Oath of Citizenship

If USCIS approves your application, you must attend a ceremony and take the Oath of Allegiance of the United States. USCIS will notify you by mail of the time and date of your ceremony in a letter.







The Naturalization Process

Step 5: Participate in Civic Affairs

1. Register to Vote

As a new citizen, you can influence government decisions on issues that matter to you, your family, and your communities. The first step in the voting process is to register. For information on voter registration, call (888) VE-Y-VOTA.

2. Apply for a U.S. Passport For more information please visit www.travel.state.gov or call the National Passport Information Center toll-free at (877) 487-2778.

3. Let People Know of Any Name Change

If your name has changed as a result of your naturalization, be sure to change all corresponding legal documents.

4. Contact Social Security

Notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) of your new citizenship status. Fill out the *SS-5 Form (available at* www.ssa.gov) at your local Social Security office. For more information, call Social Security at (800) 772-1213.

5. Contact Your Elected Officials

We encourage you to communicate with your elected and appointed officials to keep them aware of what is going on in your community, and to share your feelings about policies, laws, and proposals. Visit Project Vote Smart's website at www.votesmart.org to locate your elected officials and to learn more about how you can make a difference!









Volunteer Training for Group Processing Workshops







Overview of Workshop Stations

- Step 1: Orientation/Check-in
- Step 2: Screening/ Eligibility Review
- Step 3: One-on-one application assistance Use Post-It's for missing info or to alert quality control
- Step 4: Fee Waiver Station (optional)
- Step 5: Legal Review/Quality Control
- Step 6: Copies of Application and Supporting Documents (optional)
- Step 7: Packaging







Review of N-400 Application



Immigration Advocates



The New (revised) N-400

- On February 4, 2014 USCIS released a new (revised) Form N-400.
- The revisions to Form N-400 provide USCIS with "additional tools to make important eligibility determinations, present customers with clearer instructions, and incorporate technology that improves efficiency and accuracy for both USCIS and our customers."
- Although the form is now revised, the eligibility requirements for naturalization have not changed.
- AILA encourages all of our Citizenship Day sites to utilize the new N-400, which we will discuss today as USCIS will no longer accept the old form on or after May 5, 2014.







Before you Begin:

- v Black Ink
- v Write Clearly
- ✓ Use Post-It's for missing info or to alert quality control (lawyers)
- ✓ Sheets of blank paper
- √ White-out







Before you Begin:

Ask for and organize the following documents in front of you if applicants bring them:

- ✓ Legal Permanent Resident card ("Green Card")
- ✓ Social Security Card
- v Passport
- ✓ Driver's License or ID
- ✓ Other documents: W2, paystubs, etc.







Before you Begin:

Write "A#" at the top right-hand corner of each page of the form.

✓ A# number must be 9 digits long. If only 7-8 digits long, write "0" in the front until 9 digits long. For example:

- If A# is 12345678, write down as "012345678".
- If A# is 1234567, write down as "001234567".







When does time Permanent Resident begin?

Time as a Permanent Resident begins when permanent resident status is granted.

This date is on the Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Card or "Green Card").

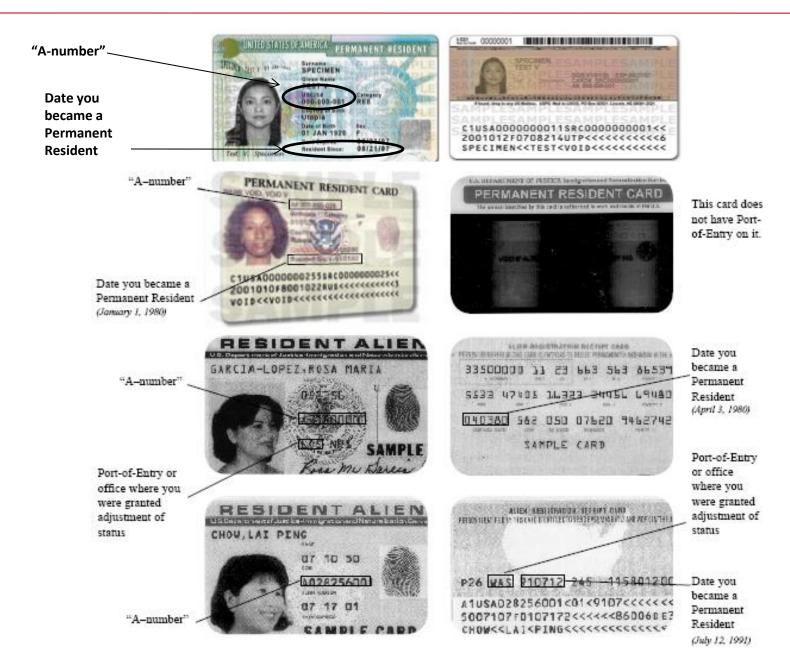
The sample cards show where to find important information such as the date Permanent Residence began and A number.







Where can A# be found?





Application For Naturalization

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Form N-400 OMB No. 1615-0052 Expires 09/30/2015

For USCIS Use Only		Receipt	Action Block
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Type or print all your answers in black ink Type or print "N/A" if an item is not applicable or the answer is "none" unless otherwise indicated. Failure to answer all of the questions may delay USCIS processing your Form N-400. NOTE: You must complete Parts 1. - 14.

Pa	rt 1. Information About Your Eligibility (Check only one box or your Form N-400 may be delayed)	Enter Your 9 Digit A-Number: A-
You	are at least 18 years old and	May send 90 days before 5 or 3
1.	Have been a Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 5 years.	years
2.	Have been a Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 3 years. In addition, with the same U.S. citizen spouse for the last 3 years, and your spouse has been a U.S. of filing your Form N-400.	

- 3. Are a Permanent Resident of the United States, and you are the spouse of a U.S. citizen, and your U.S. citizen spouse is regularly engaged in specified employment abroad. (Section 319(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act)
- Are applying on the basis of qualifying military service.

5. Other (explain):

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Name as it appears on birth certificate or most recent legal document (e.g. marriage certificate, etc.)

Part 2. Information About You (Person applying for naturalization)

1. Your Current Legal Name (do not provide a hickname)

2.

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name (if applicable)
Your Name Exactly As It Appears on Your	er manent reestatent oard (ij appa	Copy name exactly as it appears on Green Card, even if misspelled.
Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	

3. Other Name(s) You Have Used Since Birth (include nicknames, aliases, and maiden name if applicable)

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name (if applicable)



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۱.	Name Change (optional)		e as applican heir naturali				on				
	Read the Form N-400 Instructions before you decide whether or not you would like to legally change your name.										
	Would you like to legally chang	ge your name?								Yes	No
	If "Yes," print the new name you	u would like to u	se in the space	below.							
	Family Name (Last Name)		Given Na	ame (Fin	rst Name)		Mid	dle Na	me (if a	pplicable	e)
		Make sure co	onsistent wi	th all c	locuments						
	U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable)	6. Da	te of Birth m/dd/yyyy)		7.			ame a	Perma	nent Res	ident
	Country of Birth			9.	Country of	Citizenshi	p or N	ationa	lity		
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0.	Are you requesting an accomm an impairment? (See Form N-			-		of a disa	bility :	and/or		Yes] No
	If "Yes," check the box(es) below		jor accommode		Adjus	tment of			•		esider
	Deaf or hard of hearing and		eter who uses th	he follo	win date).	See Gre	en Ca	ard fo	r date.		
	Use a wheelchair or other of	levice that assist	s with mobility.								
	Blind or low vision.										
	Require another type of acc	commodation. (e	xplain):								

11.	Do you have a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment that prevents you from Yes No demonstrating your knowledge and understanding of the English language and/or civics requirements for naturalization?
	If "Yes," submit a completed Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, when you file your Form N-400.
12.	Exemptions from the English Language Test
	A. Are you 50 years of age or older and have you lived in the United States as a Permanent Resident for Yes No periods totaling at least 20 years at the time of filing your Form N-400?
	B. Are you 55 years of age or older and have you lived in the United States as a Permanent Resident for Yes No periods totaling at least 15 years at the time of filing your Form N-400?
	C. Are you 65 years of age or older and have you lived in the United States as a Permanent Resident for periods totaling at least 20 years at the time of filing your Form N-400? (If you meet this requirement, you will also be given a simplified version of the civics test.)
	Change to note language exemption based on age and time as LPR. Applicant must meet the requirements at the date filing.

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Pa	rt 3. Information to Contact You				A-	
1.	Daytime Phone Number (2.	Work Phone Number (if any)	3.	Evening Phone Number (
4.	Mobile Phone Number (if any) ()	5.	E-mail Address <i>(if any)</i>			
Pa	Part 4. Information About Your Residence List physical address.					
1.	Where have you lived during the last s lived during the last 5 years. If you nee	d mor	e space, use an additional sheet(s) of pape	r.	
	Date of Residence From (mm/dd/yyyy) Street Number and Name			o (mm/da	(yyyy) ▶ Present Apt. Ste. Flr. Number	
	City		County		State ZIP Code + 4	
	Province or Region <i>(foreign address only</i>	v)	Country (foreign address only)	Postal Code (foreign address only)	

A. Mailing Address (if different from the address above)

C/O ("In Care Of" Name, if applicable)		
Street Number and Name		Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City	State	ZIP Code + 4
Province or Region (foreign address only) Country (foreign	n address only)	Postal Code (foreign address only)

De	rt 4. Information About Your Residence	List address in reverse chronological order.
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2.	Date of Residence From (mm/dd/yyyy)	To (mm/dd/yyyy) ►
	Street Number and Name	Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
	City	County State ZIP Code + 4
	Province or Region (foreign address only)	Country (foreign address only) Postal Code (foreign address only)
3.	Date of Residence From (mm/dd/yyyy) ►	To (mm/dd/yyyy) ►
	Street Number and Name	Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
	City	County State ZIP Code + 4
		County State ZIP Code + 4
	Province or Region (foreign address only)	Country (foreign address only) Postal Code (foreign address only)
4.	Date of Residence From (mm/dd/yyyy)	To (mm/dd/yyyy) ►
	Street Number and Name	Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
	City	County State ZIP Code + 4
	Province or Region (foreign address only)	Country (foreign address only) Postal Code (foreign address only)

	Note if applicant has derived citizenship from USC parent.				
Part 5. Information About Your Pare					

If your biological or legally adoptive mother or father is a U.S. citizen by birth, or naturalized before you reached your 18th birthday, you may already be a U.S. citizen. Visit the USCIS Web site at <u>www.uscis.gov</u> for further information on this topic before you consider filing Form N-400.

Yes No

Yes No

- 1. Were your parents married before your 18th birthday?
- 2. Is your mother a U.S. citizen?

3.

If "Yes," complete the following information.

A. Current Legal Name of U.S. Citizen Mot	ier	
Mother's Family Name (Last Name)	Mother's Given Name (First Name)	Mother's Middle Name (if applicable)
B. Mother's Country of Birth	C.	Mother's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
		►
Is your father a U.S. citizen?		Yes No
If "Yes," complete the information below.		
A. Current Legal Name of U.S. Citizen Fath	er	
Father's Family Name (Last Name)	Father's Given Name (First Name)	Father's Middle Name (if applicable)
B. Father's Country of Birth	С.	Father's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Part 6. Information for Criminal Records Check

NOTE: USCIS requires you to complete the categories below to conduct background checks. (See Form N-400 Instructions for more information)

Gender Male Female 2. Height Feet Inches	
Ethnicity (Select one) Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino Race (Select one or more)	Can refer to information on most recent Driver's License or ID Card.
White Asian Black or American Indian Native Hawaiian of African American African American or Alaska Native Other Pacific Islan	
Hair color Black Brown Blonde Gray White Red Sandy	Bald (No hair)
et 6. Information for Criminal Records Check (continued)	
Eye color Brown Blue Green Hazel Grav Black Pink Marc	oon 🗌 Other
	Ethnicity (Select one) Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino Race (Select one or more) White Asian Black or African American or Alaska Native Other Pacific Islan Hair color Black Brown Blonde Gray White Red Sandy

Part 7. Information About Your Employment and Schools You Attended

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List where you have worked or attended school full time or part time during the last 5 years. Provide information for the complete time period. Include all military, police, and/or intelligence service. Begin by providing information about your most recent or current employment, studies, or unemployment *(if applicable)*. Provide the locations and dates where you worked, were self-employed, were unemployed, or have studied for the last 5 years. If you worked for yourself, write "self-employed." If you were unemployed, write "unemployed." If you need more space, use an additional sheet(s) of paper to complete Part 7.

Employer or School Name			1	
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Street Number and Name	chro	onological order.	Apt.	Ste. Flr. Number
City If a housewife	without an emplo	oyer, state "housewife" as jo	ob.	ZIP Code + 4
Province or Region (foreign	address only) Co	untry (foreign address only)	Postal Code (for	reign address only)
Date From (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date To (mm/dd/yyyy) Your Occupation		
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		If retired or unemployed d		
Employer or School Name		disability, indicate "retired "unemployed due to disal		
		Question 1 of this part. If	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Street Number and Name		retired or disabled for mo	re than 5	te. Flr. Number
		years, then list last emplo	•	
City		Question 2 for this part, if employment.	you nad	ZIP Code + 4
City		employment.	-	
Province or Region <i>(foreign</i>	address only) Co	untry (foreign address only)	Postal Code (for	reign address only)
Date From (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date To (mm/dd/yyyy) Your Occupation		

Part 7. Information About	Your Employment	and Schools	You Attended
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3. Employer or School Name

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This section relates to the requirements of continuous residence, physical presence, and abandonment of residence. Please note questions ask for absences within the last 5 years.	
ing the last 5 years? day	
the last 5 years? trip	

Date You Left the United States (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date You Returned to the United States (mm/dd/yyyy)			Countries to Which You Traveled	Total Days Outside the United State
Use approxim applicant do remember th Write "APPR each date to an approxim	es not e exact dates. OX." before indicate it is	□ Yes □ Yes □ Yes □ Yes □ Yes □ Yes	□ No □ No □ No □ No □ No	If don't know all absences, applicant can state something lik "Since 1990 I have been going to Mexico for approx. one month every year to visit my family.	0

Pa	rt 9.	Information About Your Marital His	tory		A-	
1.	Wh	at is your current marital status?				
		Single, never married 🗌 Married 🔲 Separ	rated Divorced	Widowed	Marriage a	nnulled
2.	If y	ou are married, is your spouse a current mem	ber of the U.S. Arm	ed Forces?		Yes No
3.	Ho	w many times have you been married (includin	ng annulled marriages	and marriage(s)	to the same per	son)?
	If ye	ou are single and have never been married, indic	cate "0" and go to Par	rt 10.		
4.	If y	ou are married now, provide the following inf	formation about you	r current spouse		
	A.	Legal Name of Current Spouse		If applicant w	as previously i	married, go to Section
		Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First	Name)	Middle N	ame (if applicable)
	В.	Previous Legal Name of Current Spouse				
		Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First	Name)	Middle N	ame (if applicable)
	C. Other Names Used by Current Spouse (include nicknames, aliases, and maiden name, if applicable))	
		Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First.	Name)	Middle N	ame (if applicable)
	D.	Current Spouse's Date of Birth	E. Date	You Entered in	to Marriage wi	th Current Spouse
		(mm/dd/yyyy) 🕨	(mm)	(dd/yyyy) 🕨		

F. Current Spouse's Present Home Address

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	Street Number and Name			Apt. Ste. 1	Flr. Number
	City Count	у	State	ZIP	Code + 4
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	Province or Region (foreign address only) Count	ту (foreign address only)	Postal C	Code <i>(foreign d</i>	address only)
G.	Current Spouse's Present Employer				
Is y	s your current spouse a U.S. citizen?				Yes 🗌 No
If ''	f "Yes," answer Item Number 6.				
If ''.	f"No," go to Item Number 7.				
If y	your current spouse is a U.S. citizen, complete the fe	ollowing information.	Refer to na	aturalization	n certificate
A.	. When did your current spouse become a U.S. citiz	zen?			
	At birth - Go to Item Number 8.	r - Complete the following	information.		
B.	· Date your current spouse became a U.S. citizen (mm/dd/yyyy) ►				
If y	your current spouse is not a U.S. citizen, complete t	he following information.			
A.	. Current Spouse's Country of Citizenship or Natio		Current Spouse ► A-	's A-Number	(if applicable)
C.	Permanent Resident Other (explain):	an I-130 petition has l oplicant" or second p ndocumented, can lis	reference be	•	•

8. How many times has your current spouse been married (including annulled marriages and marriage(s) to the same person)? If your current spouse has been married before, provide the following information about your current spouse's prior spouse.

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If your current spouse has had more than one previous marriage, use an additional sheet(s) of paper to provide the information requested in Items A. - H. below for each marriage.

A.	Prior Spouse's Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)
В.	Prior Spouse's Immigration Status
	U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Other (explain):
C.	Prior Spouse's Date of Birth D. Prior Spouse's Country of Birth
	(mm/dd/yyyy) ►
E.	Prior Spouse's Country of Citizenship or Nationality If the spouse was not divorced before marrying the applicant, then it is possible that the applicant's present marriage is invalid.
F.	Date of Marriage with Prior Spouse G. Date Marriage Ended with Prior Spouse
	(mm/dd/yyyy) ► (mm/dd/yyyy) ►
H.	How Marriage Ended with Prior Spouse
	Annulled Divorced Spouse Deceased Other (explain):



CAUTION: very short marriages, especially one through which immigration status was obtained can be investigated by CIS to ensure no marriage fraud was committed.

Part 9. Information About Your Marital History (continued	Part	t 9.	Information	About	Your	Marital	History	(continued))
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- 9. If you were married before, provide the following information about your prior spouse. If you have more than one previous marriage, use an additional sheet(s) of paper to provide the information requested in Items A. H. below for each marriage.
 - A. Your Prior Spouse's Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)
 - B. Your Prior Spouse's Immigration Status When Your Marriage Ended

U.S. Citizen	Permanent Resident
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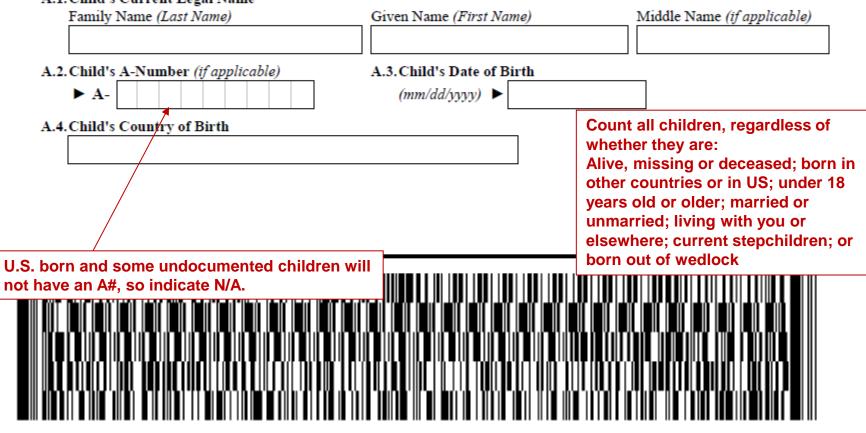
Other (explain):

- C. Your Prior Spouse's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
 E. Your Prior Spouse's Country of Citizenship or Nationality
 F. Date of Marriage with Your Prior Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
 G. Date Marriage Ended with Your Prior Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
 H. How Marriage Ended with Your Prior Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

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Part 10. Information About Your Children

- Indicate your total number of children. (<u>All</u> children should be indicated, including: A. Children who are alive, missing, deceased; B. Children born in the United States or in other countries; C. Children under 18 years of age or older; D. Children who are currently married or unmarried; E. Children living with you or elsewhere; F. Current stepchildren; G. Legally adopted children; and H. Children born when you were not married.)
- 2. Provide the following information about all your children (sons and daughters) listed in Item Number 1., regardless of age. Use an additional sheet(s) of paper to list any additional children.



A.1. Child's Current Legal Name

rt 10. Information About Your	Children (continued)	A-
A.5. Child's Current Address Street Number and Name	If child is living with you, write "Child Residing with Me." If child is missing or deceased write "Child Missing" or "Child	d Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City	Deceased."	State ZIP Code + 4
		-
Province or Region (foreign add	ress only) Country (foreign address only)	Postal Code (foreign address only)
] [
A.6. What is your child's relationsh legally adopted child)	ip to you? (e.g., biological child, stepchild,	
legally adopted child)	-	
B.1. Child's Current Legal Name Family Name (Last Name) B.2. Child's A-Number (if applicabl ▶ A-	e) B.3. Child's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) >	Middle Name <i>(if applicable)</i>
B.4. Child's Country of Birth		
B.5. Child's Current Address		
Street Number and Name		Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City	County	State ZIP Code + 4
Province or Region (foreign add	ress only) Country (foreign address only)	Postal Code (foreign address only)
B.6. What is your child's relationsh legally adopted child)	ip to you? (e.g., biological child, stepchild,	

Pa	If the answer to any of questions 1-36 or 41-45 is "yes," then it is a red-flaissue which must be discussed with an immigration attorney or expert. These questions concern good moral character and deportability. Be CAREFUL! False claims of citizenship made after 9/30/1996 is a ground of deportability and a bar to naturalization.Part 11. Additional Information					
	Answer Item Numbers 1 21. If you answer <i>"Yes"</i> to any of these questions, include a written explanation on an additional sheet(s) of paper and provide any evidence to support your answer.					
1.	Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. ci	tizen (in writing or any other way)?	Yes No			
2.	Have you ever registered to vote in ar	y Federal, State, or local election in the United States?	Yes No			
3.	Have you ever voted in any Federal, S	State, or local election in the United States?	No No			
4.	Do you now have, or did you ever hav	ve, a hereditary title or an order of nobility in any foreign country?	Yes No			
5.	Have you ever been declared legally i	ncompetent, or been confined to a mental institution?	Yes No			
6.	Do you owe any overdue Federal, Sta	te, or local taxes?	Yes No			
7.	A. Have you ever not filed a Federal	, State, or local tax return since you became a Permanent Resident?	Yes No			
	B. If "Yes," did you consider yourself to be a "non-U.S. resident"?					
8.						
	Permanent Resident?	Must prove that legally competent to take oath of allegia or can get a waiver of oath if based on disability. Usually answer is "yes" to this question, can still show legally competent.				

This includes membership in religious org., school or parent org., community org., athletic org., union, or volunteer service such as PTA, Red Cross, etc.

- 9. A. Have you ever been a member of, involved in, or in any way associated with, any organization, association, fund, foundation, party, club, society, or similar group in the United States or in any other location in the world?
 - B. If "Yes," provide the information below. If you need more space, attach the names of the other group(s) on an additional sheet(s) of paper and provide any evidence to support your answer.

Name of Group	Purpose of the Group	Dates of Membership			
		From	To		
		(mm/dd/yyyy)	(mm/dd/yyyy)		
	Use approximate da remember exact da before each date to approximate date.	te. Write "ap	orox."		

Yes

No

10.	 Have you ever been a member of, or in any way associated (aither directly or indirectly) with: 				
	A.		OTE: Voluntary membership in	Yes No	
	B.	Any other totalitatian party/	ommunist Party within the last 10 rs. can cause naturalization denial.	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
	C.	A terrorist organization?		Yes No	
Pa	rt 1	1. Additional Information (continued)	A-		
11.	 Have you ever advocated (either directly or indirectly) the overthrow of any government by force or Yes No violence? 				
12.	Have you ever persecuted (<i>either directly or indirectly</i>) any person because of race, religion, national Yes No origin, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion?				
13.	 Between March 23, 1933 and May 8, 1945, did you work for or associate in any way (either directly or indirectly) with: 				
	A.	The Nazi government of Germany?		🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
	B.	Any government in any area (1) occupied by, (2) allied v Nazi government of Germany?	with, or (3) established with the help of the	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
	C.	Any German, Nazi, or S.S. military unit, paramilitary un police unit, government agency or office, extermination camp, prison, labor camp, or transit camp?		🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
14.		Were you ever involved in any way with any of the following: A. Genocide? A. Genocide?		cited, assisted, or le, torture or severe	
	B.	Torture?	violations of religious freedom at	-	
	C.	Killing, or trying to kill, someone?	deportable and is permanently ba		
	D.	Badly hurting, or trying to hurt, a person on purpose?	establishing Good Moral Charact	er for naturalization.	
	E.	Forcing, or trying to force, someone to have any kind of	sexual contact or relations?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
	F.	Not letting someone practice his or her religion?		🗌 Yes 🗌 No	

15.	following groups:				
		Military unit?	Beware: For Item Numbers 15-21		
	В.	Paramilitary unit? (a group of people who act like a militar military)	whether applicants who received may have already implicated this other applications. If "yes", inclu	information in	
	C.	Police unit?	explanation.		
	D.	Self-defense unit?		Yes No	
	E.	Vigilante unit? (a group of people who act like the police, b	nut are not part of the official police)	Yes No	
	F.	Rebel group?		Yes No	
	G. Guerrilla group? (a group of people who use weapons against or otherwise physically attack the military, police, government, or other people)			🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
	H. Militia? (an army of people, not part of the official military))	Yes No	
	I.	Insurgent organization? (a group that uses weapons and fig	hts against a government)	🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
16.	We	ere you ever a worker, volunteer, or soldier, or did you other	vise ever serve in any of the following:		
	A.	Prison or jail?		Yes No	
	В.	Prison camp?		🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
	C.	Detention facility? (a place where people are forced to stay	ý.	Yes No	
	D.	Labor camp? (a place where people are forced to work)		Yes No	
	E.	Any other place where people were forced to stay?	Careful with applicants from wa countries (e.g. Central America received asylum. Consult with a) or who	

expert & include explanation.

1.5 TV. 1. a: a . 1 1 41 - C 43Be sure to cross reference criminal history. Look out for "possession of weapon" charges/convictions.

17. Were you ever a part of any group, or did you ever help any group, unit, or organization that used a Yes No weapon against any person, or threatened to do so? A. If "Yes," when you were part of this group, or when you helped this group, did you ever use a weapon Yes No against another person? B. If "Yes," when you were part of this group, or when you helped this group, did you ever tell another Yes No person that you would use a weapon against that person? 18. Did you ever sell, give, or provide weapons to any person, or help another person sell, give, or provide Yes No weapons to any person? A. If "Yes," did you know that this person was going to use the weapons against another person? No Yes B. If "Yes," did you know that this person was going to sell or give the weapons to someone who was Yes No going to use them against another person? 19. Did you ever receive any type of military, paramilitary (a group of people who act like a military group but Yes No are not part of the official military), or weapons training? 20. Did you ever recruit (ask), enlist (sign up), conscript (require), or use any person under age 15 to serve in Yes No or help an armed force or group? 21. Did you ever use any person under age 15 to do anything that helped or supported people in combat? No Yes

Remember to look at criminal history, including juvenile records.

If any of Item Numbers 22. - 28. apply to you, you must answer "Yes" even if your records have been sealed, expunged, or otherwise cleared. You must disclose this information even if anyone, including a judge, law enforcement officer, or attorney, told you that it no longer constitutes a record or told you that you do not have to disclose the information.

Include traffic tickets

No

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

- 22. Have you ever committed, assisted in committing, or attempted to commit, a crime or offense for which you Yes No were not arrested?
- 23. Have you ever been arrested, cited, or detained by any law enforcement officer (including any and all immigration officials or the U.S. Armed Forces) for any reason?
- 24. Have you ever been charged with committing, attempting to commit, or assisting in committing a crime or offense?
- 25. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or offense?

Includes border patrol arrests and ICE or INS arrests.

Yes No

Part 11. Additional Information (continued)	A -						
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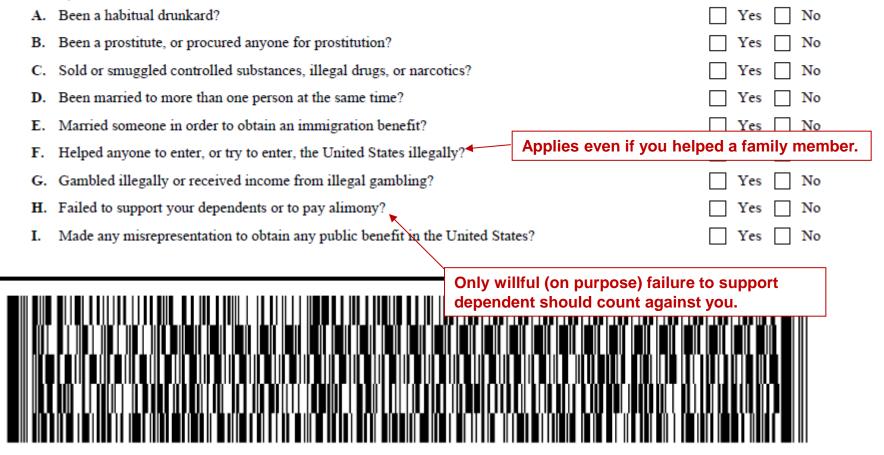
27.	Α.	Have you ever received a suspended sentence, been placed on p	probation, or been paroled? Yes No
		If "Yes," have you completed the probation or parole?	Do not file Natz. Application while on probation. CIS will not approve an
28.	A.	Have you ever been in jail or prison?	application until after the probation, parole or suspended sentence has been
	В.	If "Yes," how long were you in jail or prison?	Years completed.

29. If you answered "Yes" to Item Numbers 23. - 28., complete the following table. If you need more space, use an additional sheet(s) of paper and provide any evidence to support your answer. If you answered "No" to all Item Numbers 23. - 28., go to Item Number 30.

Why were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged?	Date arrested, cited, detained, or charged. (mm/dd/yyyy)	Where were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged? (City, State, Country)	Outcome or disposition of the arrest, citation, detention or charge (no charges filed, charges dismissed, jail, probation, etc.)		
must be presented	Certified court records are needed to complete this section. Court documents must be presented at interview. Documents may not be required for minor traffic infractions. If in doubt, consult attorney.				

Answer Item Numbers 30. - 46. If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, except Item Numbers 37. and 38., include a written explanation on an additional sheet(s) of paper and provide any evidence to support your answer.

30. Have you ever:



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31.	Have you ever given any U.S. Governme fraudulent, or misleading?	nt official(s) any infor	rmation or documentation	that was false,	Yes No
32.	Have you ever lied to any U.S. Governme gain immigration benefits while in the Ur	-	ry or admission into the U		Yes No
33.	Have you ever been removed, excluded,	naturalization,		but if eligible for , can request that be terminated pendi	
34.	Have you ever been ordered removed, ex				
35.	Have you ever been placed in removal, e	xclusion, rescission, or	r deportation proceedings?		
36.	Are removal, exclusion, rescission, or dep proceedings) currently pending against y		(including administratively	v closed	Yes No
			Military applicants v	•	
37.	Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed	Forces?	processing or spec	ial accommoda	tion abroad.
38.	Are you currently a member of the U.S.	Armed Forces?			Yes No
39.	If you are currently a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, are you scheduled to deploy overseas, including to a vessel, within the next 3 months? (<i>Refer to the</i> Address Change section within the Form N-400 Instructions on how to notify USCIS if you learn of your deployment plans after you file your Form N-400.)				
40.	If you are currently a member of the U.S	Armed Forces, are y	ou currently stationed ove	erseas?	Yes No
41.	Have you ever been court-martialed, adm other than honorable discharge, while in t			ou received an	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
42.	Have you ever been discharged from training or service in the U.S. Armed Forces because you were an alien?			Yes No	
43.	Have you ever left the United States to avoid being drafted in the U.S. Armed Forces?		Yes No		

	43.	Have you ever left the United States to avoid being drafted in the U.S. Armed For	ces? Yes	No	
	44.	Have you ever applied for any kind of exemption from military service in the U.S.	Armed Forces? Yes	No	
	45.	Have you ever deserted from the U.S. Armed Forces?	Yes	No	
	46.	A. Are you a male who lived in the United States at any time between your 18th and 26th birthdays? Yes No (This does not include living in the United States as a lawful nonimmigrant.)			
	B. If "Yes," when did you register for the Selective Service? Provide the information below.				
		Date Registered (mm/dd/yyyy) Selective Service	Number		
Men born from 3/29/1957 – 12/31/1959, were not required to register with Selective Service; the registration program was suspended when they would have reached age 18. The requirement to register with Selective Service was reinstated in 1980, but only for men born January 1, 1960, or later.					
 C. If "Yes," but you did not register with the Selective Service System and you are: 1. Still under 26 years of age, you must register before you apply for naturalization, and complete the Selective Service information above; OR 					
 Now 26 years of age or older but you did not register with the Selective Service, you must attach a statement explaining why you did not register, and a status information letter from the Selective Service. 					
Answer Item Numbers 47 53. If you answer ''No'' to any of these questions, include a written explanation on an additional sheet(s) of paper and provide any evidence to support your answer.					
	47.	Do you support the Constitution and form of government of the United States?	If there are religious reasons	No	
	48.	Do you understand the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States?	why the applicant says "NO" then could be OK. People car	No	
	49.	Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States?	take "modified oaths" for religious reasons.	No	
	50.	If the law requires it, are you willing to bear arms on behalf of the United States?		No	
	51.	If the law requires it, are you willing to perform noncombatant services in the U.S.	Armed Forces? Yes	No	
	52.	2. If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction?			
NOTE: Answer the next question ONLY if you answered "Yes" to Part 11., Item Number 4. of Form N-400.					
	53.	At your naturalization ceremony, are you willing to give up any inherited title(s) of	r order(s) of nobility that 🛛 Yes 🗍	No	

you have in a foreign country?

Part 12. Your Signature (USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if it is not signed)

Your Statement

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application, and the evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information USCIS needs to determine my eligibility for naturalization.

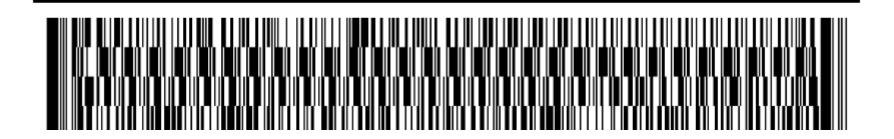
Your Signature

Applicant signature here

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 13. Signature and Contact Information of the Person Who Prepared This Form, If Other Than the Applicant

By my signature, I certify, swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this form on behalf of, at the request of, and with the express consent of the applicant. I completed the form based only on responses the applicant provided to me. After completing the form, I reviewed it and all of the applicant's responses with the applicant, who agreed with every answer he or she provided for each question on the form and, when required, supplied additional information to respond to a question on the form.



Part 13. Signature and Contact Info This Form, If Other Than t	-	d A-
Preparer's Printed Name		
Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name <i>(if applicable)</i>
Preparer's Signature		Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Preparer's Firm or Organization Name (if ap	oplicable)	Preparer's Daytime Phone Number ()
Preparer's Address		
Street Number and Name		Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City	County	State ZIP Code + 4
Province or Region (foreign address only)	Country (foreign address only)	Postal Code (foreign address only)
Preparer's E-mail Address		Preparer's Fax Number ()

Part 14. Statement of Applicants Who Used an Interpreter

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to Part 2., Item Numbers 11. or 12. of this form and during the completion of the form used an interpreter to interpret the questions on the form, then you and your interpreter must complete this section.

Applicant's Statement Each and every question and instruction named below in I understand each and every question and correct responses in the language indicat	<i>(language used)</i> d instruction on this form, as translat	may need to comple does not qualify for	g applicants in-language ete this even if applicant language exemption. upervisor.
Your Signature			Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Part 14. Statement of Applicant	ts Who Used an Interpreter ((continued) A-	
Your Interpreter's Statement			
I certify that I am fluent in English and	(langu	age used)	
I further certify that I have read each and applicant in the above-mentioned languag instruction and question on the form, as y	ge, and the applicant has informed m		-
Interpreter's Printed Name			
Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First	Name) Mi	iddle Name <i>(if applicable)</i>
Interpreter's Signature			Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Telephone Number ()			

NOTE: Do not complete Parts 15., 16., and 17. until the USCIS Officer instructs you to do so at the interview.

Additional Tips

- Remember to review the following documents before the workshop:
 - Application (application can be found at: <u>http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/N-400.pdf</u>)
 - age exemptions, and
 - any other pertinent information related to the workshop, check with event supervisor







Additional Tips

- Inform the Volunteer Coordinator of the exact hours you will be able to assist on the day of the workshop.
- Enjoy the experience. Congratulations for making a difference in your community!







How can I partner or participate?



•Download tools and resources – <u>http://ciudadania.yaeshora.info/downloads</u>

•Download the ya es hora Citizenship Guide in English or Spanish

•Disseminate information about the importance of Citizenship – promote the *ya es hora* hotline, (888) 839-8682 and website, <u>www.yaeshora.info</u>

• Volunteer at a workshop near you!- <u>www.naleo.org/citizenshipmonth/2014/#services</u>

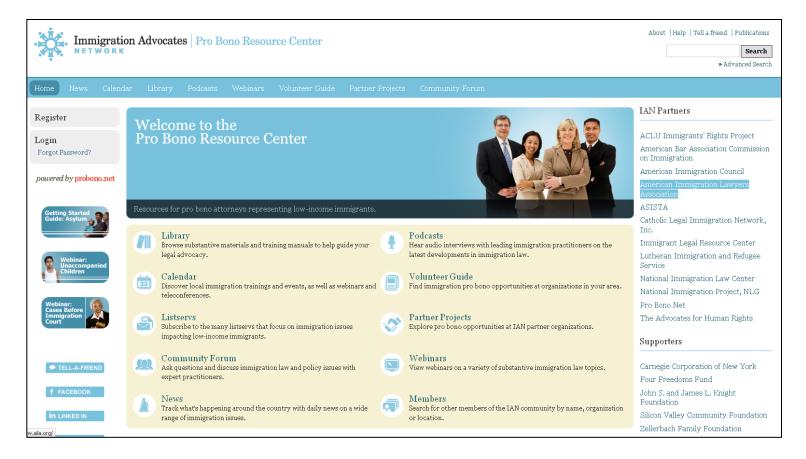
•Become a partner of ya es hora – contact jgutierrez@naleo.org







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- CitizenshipWorks mobile app and website.







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