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- The following is a list of acceptable documents one may provide to assist with residency decisions based on citizenship or legal status for purposes of determining eligibility for in-state tuition. Final residency decisions for tuition purposes will be made in accordance with A.R.S. §§15-1803, 15-1802, 15-1802.01, and regulations of the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board.
- Documents included in the Primary List are identified by Arizona state statute (A.R.S. §§ 1-501, 1-502) as acceptable documents when a student applies for "federal, state or local public benefit." This includes federal financial aid and many college scholarships.
- Students are encouraged to submit one of the twelve documents from the Primary List for citizenship/legal status and financial aid/scholarship purposes. Those who do not have one of these twelve items may submit documents from the secondary list for proof of citizenship/legal status to assist with residency determination.
- Documents submitted with the Student Information Form may be faxed, mailed, emailed or submitted in person. Documents submitted when applying for a scholarship should accompany the scholarship application.

### Primary List

- An Arizona driver license issued after 1996 or an Arizona non-operating identification license.\*
- A birth certificate or delayed birth certificate issued in any state, territory or possession of the United States. *A hospital record/certificate and Certified Abstract of Birth are not acceptable.*
- A United States certificate of birth abroad
- A United States passport
- A foreign passport with a United States visa
- An I-94 form with a photograph
- A United States citizenship and immigration services employment authorization document or refugee travel document
- A United States certificate of naturalization
- A United States certificate of citizenship
- A tribal certificate of Indian Blood
- A tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs affidavit of birth
- Tribal members, the elderly and "person with disabilities or incapacity of the mind or body," may submit certain types of documentation under Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act (42 United States Code §1396b, as amended by Section 6036 of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005)

### Secondary List

#### **United States or Naturalized Citizenship**

- Arizona Peace Officer Standards & Training (AZPOST) Certification
- Confirmation of citizenship through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Driver License issued in another state, territory or possession of the U.S. except per Arizona law for the following states that do not verify lawful presence in the US: Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington.
- United States Military ID Card (active duty, reserve and retired)
- United States Military DD-214

#### **Permanent Resident Alien:**

- Confirmation of citizenship through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-151 since 1997)
- Resident Alien Card (Form I-551 before 1997)
- Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151 issued prior to June 1978)
- United States Military ID Card (active duty, reserve and retired)
- United States Military DD-214

#### **Refugee or Asylee:**

- Confirmation of citizenship through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571 since 2003)

#### **Non-Immigrant Alien:**

- Current valid Arizona Motor Vehicle Department Drivers License/Identification Card issued after 1996.\*
- Current Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766)
- Current Non-immigrant Visa
- Current Border Crosser Card (Form DSP-150)
- Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI

\*The college may require documentation that is in addition to a valid Arizona Driver License/Identification Card to prove citizenship or lawful presence in the United States for residency determination.

Note: Although some documents may instruct the holder not to photocopy them. The USCIS has advised the Department of Education that these documents and others may be photocopied if done for lawful purposes such as documenting citizenship for the purpose of determining eligibility.

Information a student provides about his/her legal status when applying for financial aid or scholarships may be subject to mandatory reporting to federal immigration authorities under Arizona law, ( A.R.S. §§ 1-501, 1-502). This does not apply to information supplied for residency at the time of admission to the college. This also does not apply to applications for the private scholarship funds held in and distributed by the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation.