

THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

PRESENTS:
CITIZENSHIP DAY

DO YOU NEED HELP APPLYING FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP?

Immigration attorneys, law students, accredited representatives, and paralegals will be on hand to assist in the preparation of Applications for Naturalization on:

DATE: Saturday, April 19, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COST: \$20 per person (cash only)

WHERE: International Institute
111 East Kirby Road, Detroit, MI 48202
(north of Warren, east of Woodward)

NATURALIZATION ELIGIBILITY

(see details on back)

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have been a lawful permanent resident for the last five years (or three years, if married to a U.S. citizen)
- Have been present in the U.S. for 2½ years of the past five years (or 1½ years of the past three, if married to a U.S. citizen), and have not been outside the U.S. for one year or more within the last five years (or three years, if married to a U.S. citizen)
- Have been a resident of the state from which you are filing your application for at least three months
- Be able to speak, read and write ordinary English (age exceptions may apply)
- Be able to pass a U.S. history and government exam
- Be a person of “good moral character” (this will be difficult to establish if you failed to pay child support, taxes, or have been convicted of certain crimes, among other things)
- Be able to take an oath of loyalty to the U.S.

(please refer to additional information on the back)

WHAT TO BRING TO CITIZENSHIP DAY (Detroit)

EVERYONE

- Your Permanent Resident Card (“green card”)
 - \$595 filing fee (check made payable to “Department of Homeland Security”)
 - \$80 fingerprint fee (check made payable to “Department of Homeland Security”)
 - \$20 cash donation (to help cover expenses)
 - List of home addresses for the past five years & the dates (mm/dd/yyyy) in which you resided at each
 - List of employer names and addresses for the past five years, including the dates you worked with each
 - Exact dates you have been outside the U.S. during the past five years and the countries you traveled to during these trips.
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- 2 passport photos are required. Photos will be available on site for a fee of \$10

OTHER DOCUMENTS (which may be helpful)

- If the name on your “green card” is different than your current legal name:
 - Bring the documents that legally changed your name (marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court documents).
- If you are applying for U.S. citizenship based upon marriage to a U.S. citizen bring:
 - Proof your spouse had been a citizen for the past 3 years (spouse’s birth certificate, naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship, U.S. passport, Form FS240);
 - Current marriage certificate;
 - Proof of termination of all prior marriages of your spouse (divorce decree, annulment or death certificate);
 - Documents showing that you and your spouse are still living together (examples: tax returns, bank statements, leases, mortgages, birth certificates of your children, or IRS-certified copies of income taxes for the past 3 years, or IRS tax return transcript for the last 3 years).
- If you have married more than one time:
 - Bring proof that ALL earlier marriages ended (divorce decree(s), annulment(s), or death certificate(s)).
- If you have taken a trip outside of the U.S. lasting longer than 6 months since becoming a Permanent Resident:
 - Bring IRS tax return “transcript” for the last 5 years (or last 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen);
 - Rent or mortgage payments;
 - Pay stubs.
- If you have a dependent spouse or children who do not live with you bring:
 - Any court order to provide financial support;
 - Evidence of your financial support (examples: cancelled checks, money order receipts, evidence of wage garnishments, or letter from parent or guardian who cares for your children.)
- If you have been arrested, detained, or if you have had to appear before a court for any reason whether in the last five years or earlier:
 - Bring ALL documents relating to the arrest, conviction, court appearance, and final disposition.
 - EXCEPTION – minor traffic violations (examples: parking tickets, speeding tickets)
- If your federal, state, or local taxes are overdue (or you have failed to pay them):
 - Bring copies of any documents, letters, or papers you sent to or received from the government about the problem.
- Selective Service: In general, all men ages 18 to 25 in the U.S. (regardless of citizenship or immigration status) are required to register for the U.S. Selective Service. Only men who are in the U.S. in valid nonimmigrant status (i.e., on a student, temporary worker, or visitor’s visa) while age 18 to 25 are not required to register. If you were required to register at any time when you were in the U.S., even if you are at an age which does not require you to register now, please bring proof of your registration.
 - If you do not have proof of your registration, you can go to the Selective Service web site (www.sss.gov), enter your name, Social Security number, and birth date, and make a printout showing that you registered. Bring this printout with you. Or you may call (847) 688 – 6888 or (847) 688 – 2576 to get proof that you registered. You should submit this with your naturalization application.