



Fact Sheet

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER FOR FORM N-400

Fees are associated with filing Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, with limited exceptions. Fee waivers are available for those who meet specific criteria that clearly demonstrate that they are unable to pay the fees.

You may request a fee waiver by filing Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or by submitting a written request for a fee waiver, along with your paper Form N-400. If multiple members of the same family are simultaneously submitting their N-400 in the same package, all family members may request a fee waiver on one Form I-912. A fee waiver request must be signed by all individuals requesting the fee waiver. At present, you cannot request a fee waiver if you file Form N-400 online.

If you do not qualify for a fee waiver, you may qualify for a reduced filing fee. A reduced fee is not the same as a fee waiver. For additional information, see <https://www.uscis.gov/i-942>.

Your request for a fee waiver must establish your inability to pay based on at least one of the following grounds:

1. You or your spouse with whom you reside are currently receiving a **means-tested benefit**.
 - ✓ A means-tested benefit is a public benefit that is federally, state, or locally funded, for which a person's eligibility for the benefit, or the amount of the benefit, or both, is based on the person's income and resources. Some common examples are:
 - › Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
 - › Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (known as "SNAP" and formerly called food stamps);
 - › Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
 - › Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); and
 - › Medicaid.
 - ✓ If you are under the age of 21 and unmarried, you may use your parent's means-tested benefit to qualify for a fee waiver if you live with your parent. A parent may not use a child's means-tested benefit.
 - ✓ You may submit a letter, notice, or other documentation from a benefit-granting agency indicating the means-tested benefit being received. Documentation must be in English and should contain:
 - › Your name or the name of the person receiving the benefit;
 - › Name of the agency granting the benefit;

- Name of the benefit being received; and
 - Indication that the benefit is currently being received (for example, date benefit was granted, expiration date, and date of renewal if available).
2. Your **household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines** at the time you file. See current Federal Poverty Guidelines at <https://www.uscis.gov/i-912p>.
- ✓ The household income is based on household size, which includes:
 - The applicant;
 - Any spouse and parent(s) residing with the applicant;
 - Any unmarried child or legal ward under the age of 21 residing with the applicant;
 - Any unmarried child or legal ward age 21-24 who is a full-time student residing with the applicant;
 - Any unmarried child or legal ward who is disabled, residing with the applicant, and cannot care for themselves (regardless of age); and
 - Any other dependents listed on your federal tax return or your spouse or head of household's federal tax returns.
 - ✓ You must list and provide documentation of all household members' income.
 - ✓ You may submit a recent IRS Form 1040, IRS Form W-2, copies of consecutive pay statements (stubs) for a minimum of the past month, a statement from your employer on letterhead attesting to your salary/wages, or Social Security, veteran's benefits, and pension documentation.
 - ✓ If you are homeless, you may submit a letter from a shelter or other support organization attesting to your lack of income.
3. You are currently experiencing **financial hardship** that prevents you from paying the filing fee due to extraordinary expenses or other circumstances. This could include unexpected medical bills or emergencies affecting you or your dependents, unemployment, eviction, and homelessness.
- ✓ You may include a detailed description of your financial situation that renders you unable to pay the fee and provide evidence, if available. If you cannot provide evidence of your financial hardship, explain why you cannot provide it.
 - ✓ You may provide documentation of your income, a list of your assets, including real estate, bank accounts, and stocks, and your liabilities such as rent or mortgage, utilities, childcare, and medical expenses. If you cannot provide evidence of income, you may submit affidavits from religious institutions, non-profits, or community-based organizations verifying that you are currently receiving some benefit or support from them.

For additional information, see
<https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-fees/additional-information-on-filing-a-fee-waiver>.