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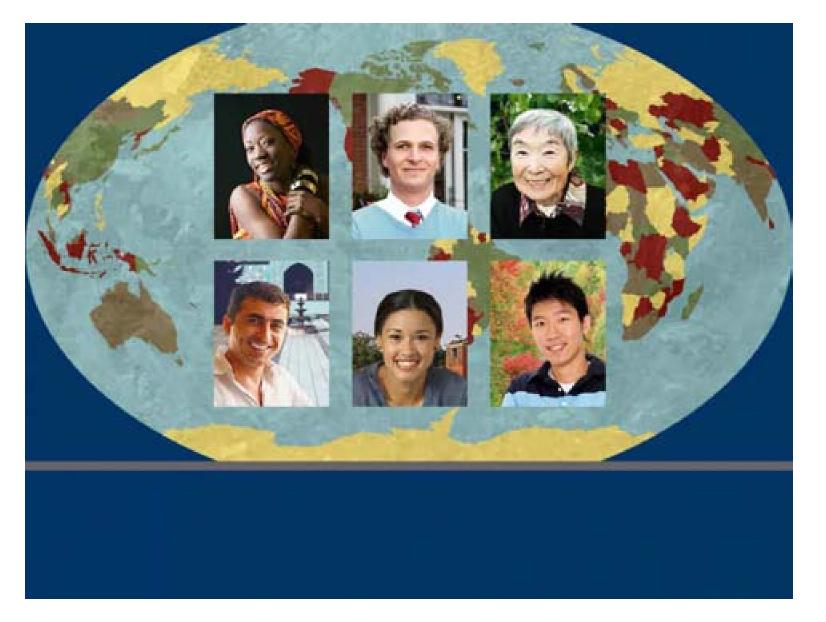
Citizenship Class
Welcome to Lesson 1
An Overview of the Naturalization Process



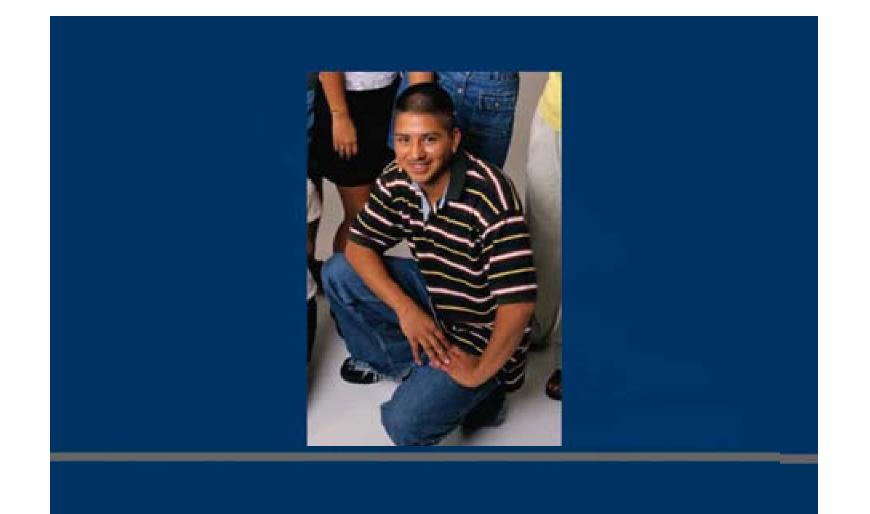


NATURALIZATION

The process of becoming a U.S. citizen is called naturalization.



What are the requirements to become a US citizen?



You must be at least 18 years old at the time of filing Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.



You must be in the United States as a legal permanent resident For five years (or 3 years, if you are married to a US citizen)



You must maintain continuous residence in the U.S.

Continuous residence means that you actually have lived in the US

As a permanent resident without going on a long trip outside of the US

You must not go on a trip that lasts longer than six months.



If you leave the U.S. for more than 6 months on any one trip, you may break your continuous residence.



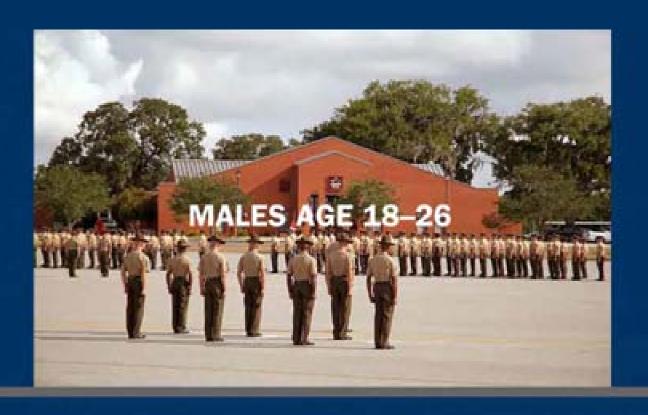
You must be inside the U.S. for 30 months in the 5 years before you apply, or 18 months in the past 3 years if you are married to a U.S. citizen.

OMB No. BUSING N-400 Application Department of Homeland Security U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services for Naturalization Print clearly or type your answers using CAPITAL letters. Failure to print clearly may delay your application. Use black ink. Write your USCIS A Number here: Part 1. Your Name (Person applying for naturalization) A. Your current legal name. Family Name (Lest Name) For USCIS Use Only Blue Circle Date Stamp Govern Name (First Name) Full Middle Name (If applicable) B. Your name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card. Family Name (Last Name) Recountry Given Name (First Name) Full Middle Name (If applicable) C. If you have ever used other names, provide them below. Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name

You must file an application for naturalization



Pay income tax.



If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 26, you must sign up with the Selective Service for possible service in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Let USCIS know whenever you move or change your address.

"GOOD MORAL CHARACTER"

To become a U.S. citizen, you need to show that you have "good moral character."



Lying to get immigration or naturalization benefits



Remember to always respect and obey the law.

Do not commit crimes.

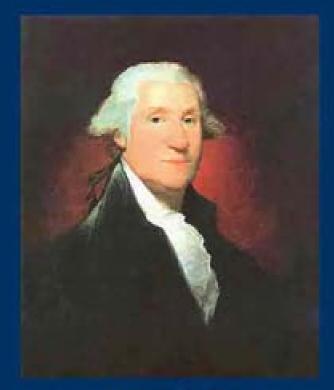
CRIMES

- MURDER
- ► RAPE
- SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD
- VIOLENT ASSAULT
- TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS, FIREARMS, OR PEOPLE
- ► AGGRAVATED FELONY

Generally, these are violent crimes that have a prison sentence of at least one year.



You must show that you can speak, read, and write basic English to pass the naturalization test.



HISTORY



GOVERNMENT

You must have a basic understanding of U.S. history and government (civics).

Becoming a U.S. Citizen: An Overview of the Naturalization Process http://www.hplct.org/tap/Citizenship/ApplyForCitizenship.shtml

A Promise of Freedom (English captions)

http://www.hplct.org/tap/Citizenship/E-Learning.shtml