

CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

Students in the categories listed below are generally eligible to apply for funds from all the student financial aid programs. Exceptions are the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) at eligible foreign schools for which applicants must be U.S. nationals.

U.S. Citizens and Nationals

U.S. Citizens (the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and in most cases, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands).

Noncitizen Nationals (American Samoa and Swain's Island) are eligible to receive all Federal student aid except ACG and SMART grants.

Citizens of the Freely Associated States

Citizens of the Republic of Palau (generally eligible for the Pell Grant, Federal Work Study, and Federal SEOG programs only).

Citizens of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia (generally eligible for the PELL Grant and Federal SEOG programs only).

Lawful Permanent Resident Aliens or Conditional Resident Aliens

Holding valid INS Form I-551, I-151, I-94, I-94A, U.S. Travel Document stamped with "Permit to Reenter" Form I-327 or passport stamped with the notation "Upon endorsement serves as temporary I-551 evidencing permanent residence for 1 year" (must also have a valid expiration date).

Conditional status normally granted to aliens who marry U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens.

Temporary Resident Aliens

Holding valid I-688 (not I-688A or I-688B) with valid expiration date.

Aliens having been granted asylum/refugee status in U.S.

INS Form I-94 or I-94A stamped with "Section 207 - Refugee" or "Section 208 - Asylee", or a Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571).

Aliens paroled into the U.S. pursuant to Section 212 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act

INS Form I-94 stamped with "Section 212(d)(5) - Parolee" or "Indefinite Parole" or "Humanitarian Parole."

Aliens who are Cuban-Haitian entrants

Cuban who entered the U.S. illegally between 4/15/80 and 10/10/80 or Haitian who entered U.S. illegally before 1/1/81.

INS Form I-94 stamped with "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."

Aliens who are conditional entrants

INS Form I-94 stamped with "Section 203(a)(7)." (Conditional Entrant before April 1, 1980).

Victims of human trafficking

Certification letter from the Dept. of HHS; the spouse, child or parent of a trafficking victim might also be eligible with a T-2 or T-3 Visa.

NON-ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

Students in the categories listed below are generally ineligible to receive assistance under the various student financial aid programs. Specific questions for students in these categories should be addressed to their Financial Aid counselor or Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Aliens holding only visas for specific temporary purposes

F-1, F-2, or M-1 Student Visas, B-1 or B-2 Visitor Visas, J-1 or J-2 Exchange Visitor Visas, or H, L, or G series visas (pertaining to international organizations).

Aliens holding only Employment Authorization Documents

INS Forms I-688A, I-688B, or I-766 .

Aliens holding only "Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence"

INS Form I-171 or I-464.

Aliens in "Temporary Protected Status"

INS Form I-94 with stamp "Temporary Protected Status".

Aliens having been granted relief from deportation by INS under Family Unity Program

Approved "Application for Voluntary Departure Under Family Unity Program" with valid INS Form I-797 with annotation that person is beneficiary of an approved "Immigration Petition for Relative" or "Visa Petition for Spouse."