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# CITIZENSHIP **DRIVE 2018**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. NAZARETH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 475 E 57TH ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11203

### FREE CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Let our experienced immigration professionals help you with your application. See the back of the flyer for steps to naturalization.

> Learn more about applying for citizenship at http://bit.ly/usciscitizenshipapp

Register for the event at http://bit.ly/2018citizenshipdrive or call the District Office at 718-287-1142.





# **10 STEPS TO NATURALIZATION**

To apply for naturalization with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), file Form N-400, Application for Naturalization. Below is a general description of the application process.

Before applying, check to make sure you meet all eligibility requirements and see if you qualify for any exceptions and accommodations. The Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet and Document Checklist may be used to assist in preparation.

#### Step 1. Determine if you are already a U.S. citizen.



What to do: If you are not a U.S. citizen by birth, or you did not acquire U.S. citizenship from your parent(s) automatically after birth, see Step 2.

#### Step 3. Prepare your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.



What to do: Download the form and read the instructions. Collect the necessary documents to demonstrate your eligibility for naturalization. If you do not reside in the United States, get 2 passport-style photos taken. Use the Document Checklist to make sure you have the required documents.

#### Step 5. Attend the biometrics appointment, if applicable.

What to do: Should you need to take biometrics, USCIS will send you an appointment notice that includes your biometrics appointment date, time, and location. Arrive at the designated location at the scheduled time to have your biometrics taken.

Step 7. Receive a decision from USCIS on your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.



USCIS will issue a written notice with one of the following decisions: **Granted**; **Continued**; or **Denied**.

Step 9. Take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America.



What to do: Complete the questionnaire on Form N-445, Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony. Report for your naturalization ceremony and check in with USCIS. A USCIS officer will review your responses to Form N-445. Turn in your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card). Take the Oath of Allegiance to become a U.S. citizen. Receive your Certificate of Naturalization, review it, and notify USCIS of any error before leaving the ceremony site.

Resource: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services "Apply for Citizenship" page.



Step 2. Determine if you are eligible for U.S. citizenship. What to do: Review the Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet to see if you are eligible to apply for naturalization.

#### Step 4. Submit your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.

Once you submit Form N-400, USCIS will send you a receipt. You can check the current processing times and the status of your application either online or by calling the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 for the hearing impaired.

Step 6. In-person the interview.

Once the preliminary processes on your case have been completed, USCIS will schedule an interview with you to complete the naturalization process. You must report to the USCIS office on the date and time listed on your appointment notice. Be sure bring the appointment notice with you to your interview.

## Step 8. Receive notice to take the Oath of Allegiance.

What to expect: If USCIS approved your Form N-400 in step 7, you may be able to participate in a naturalization ceremony on the same day as your interview. If a same day naturalization ceremony is unavailable, USCIS will mail you a notification with the date, time, and location of your scheduled ceremony.

#### Step 10. Understanding U.S. citizenship.

To see some of the rights and important responsibilities that all citizens—both Americans by birth and by choice—should exercise, honor, and respect, check out the Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities list located on the USCIS' Citizenship Resource Center website.



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