

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 16)

Both parents or the child's legal guardian(s) must appear and present the following:

- Evidence of the child's U.S. citizenship;
- Evidence of the child's relationship to parents/guardian(s); AND
- Original parental/guardian government-issued identification AND a photocopy of the front and back side of presented identification.

If only one parent appears, the appearing parent must also submit one of the following:

- Second parent's notarized written statement or DS-3053 (including the child's full name and date of birth) consenting to the passport issuance for the child.
The notarized statement cannot be more than three months old and must be signed and notarized on the same day, and must come with a photocopy of the front and back side of the second parent's government-issued photo identification; OR
- Second parent's death certificate if second parent is deceased; OR
- Primary evidence of sole authority to apply, such as a court order; OR
- A written statement or DS-5525 (made under penalty of perjury) explaining in detail the second parent's unavailability.

Each minor child applying for a U.S. passport book and/or passport card must appear in person.

See <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/under-16.html>

FOR APPLICANTS AGE 16 & 17

If you have your own identification document (ID), you may apply for a passport. However, at least one parent should accompany you to show parental awareness.

Examples of Parental Awareness:

- A parent appearing with you in person when you apply for your passport
- A signed statement consenting to issuance of a passport from at least one parent (should be accompanied by a photocopy of that parent's ID).

If you do not have a current ID, at least one parent must appear with you.

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