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# **Applying For American Passports - Material Essential For Applications Regarding Minors**

When applying for a passport in the United States, an individual must have a number of items on hand. The items include personal documentation that is required for filling out an application, if the individual is under the age of 16, the requirements will be different. The one thing that all of the applications have in common is that they all require proof of citizenship.

### DS-11 Form

The first thing to do is obtain a DS-11 application form, which can be downloaded from the Internet and printed out. The form must never be folded so make sure it stays in pristine condition while it is being filled out. Due to the circumstances, the form has to be submitted in person with the accompaniment of a parent/guardian. There are also forms for expedited passports available.

### Birth Certificate

When submitting the birth certificate, it must have the full name of the child and the full names of any applicant's parents. If a certificate is not available that meets the required information, there are secondary methods for proving citizenship. The additional items include a record of postnatal care from the doctor who cared for the baby after it was born.

### Proof Of Citizenship

After sufficient documentation showing US citizenship has been provided, the next step is to have the parents or guardians submit identification. Some states require additional information such as a secondary form of ID with as much information as possible like a credit card. A photocopy of the identification has to be submitted with each minor application.

### Photo ID

It is very important that the photocopy be placed on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch piece of paper and will need to contain the front and back of the parents identification. If multiple identifications are going to be submitted, it is best to use more than one piece of paper because only the front is to be used. The paper cannot have any other markings on it prior to and after the copying process or it will be rejected.

### Secondary ID

If a credit card is used for the secondary identification, a photocopy will not be required as part of the process. Individuals who witness on the behalf of a disabled person will be required to submit their identification as well. Individuals who act as an identifying witness must fill out a separate DS-71 form and present proper identification at the same time.

### Child Passports

The parents will need to provide consent for authorizing the passports issuance by appearing in person with the minor. If one parent has sole custody, they will be required to submit evidence for sole custody. If a third party is submitting the application for a minor, they will need a notarized affidavit from the parents giving the third party permission to apply on their behalf.

So [applying for a us passport](#) is a long process and if the proper documentation is not on hand the first time through, it can turn into an even longer process. The need for heightened security measures, especially when minors are involved, are there for good reasons. Upon turning the ripe old age of 16, the minor becomes an adult in the eyes of passports and can obtain one on their own without a parent present. There are also [expedited pass port services](#) available.

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