

DEFINITION OF CITIZEN / ELIGIBLE NONCITIZEN FOR FAFSA

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You must be one of the following to receive federal student aid:

- U.S. Citizen
- U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swain's Island)
- U.S. permanent resident with an I-151, I-551, or I-551C (Permanent Resident Card)

If you do not fit one of the above categories, you must be an eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following designations:

- Refugee
- Asylum-Granted
- Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending
- Conditional Entrant (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
- Victims of human trafficking, T-visa (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.) holder
- Parolee (You must be paroled into the United States for at least 1 year and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and that you intend to become a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.)
- You are a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau. If this is the case, you are eligible only for the Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, or Federal Work-Study.

You are not eligible for Federal Student Aid if:

- If you have only a Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence (I-171 or I-464).
- If you're in the United States on certain visas, including an F1 or F2 student visa, or a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa.
- Persons with G series visas (pertaining to international organizations).
- For more information about other types of visas that are not acceptable, check with your school's financial aid office.