

-Citizenship / Qualified Status

A person must be a US citizen or a foreigner eligible (qualified foreign) to be eligible for federal energy benefits.

US Citizen

US Citizenship It may include, but not limited to:

A person born in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

A person born outside the United States to a least one US citizen parent.

A naturalized US citizen and a person born in an outlying possession of the US after the date of the US It requires possession whose parents are US citizens who are not citizens.

1. US Citizenship documentation is as follows.

a. Social Security Number (SSN)

Proper documentation includes Social Security Number: (must have all 9 numbers)

- Social Security Administration issued Social Security card
- Social Security Administration issued Medicare card
- benefit letter recent Social Security Administration
- Receipt of Application for a Social Security number.

b. Birth certificate

A birth certificate showing birth in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swain Islands and Northern Mariana Islands.

c. Valid US passport

d. Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)

e. Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)

f. Certification of Birth Abroad of a Citizen (Form FS-240 or FS 545)

2. Qualified Aliens Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence

i. INS Form I-551 (Alien Registration Card, commonly known as greencard)

ii. Unexpired temporary I-551 stamp in a foreign passport or I-94 INS Form

b. Exiles

i. INS Form I-94 annotated with stamp showing grant of asylum under Section 208 of the INA

ii. INS Form IjV688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated

iii. INS Form IjV766 (Employment Authorization) annotated; Charter donation INS Asylum Office

iv. Order of an immigration judge granted asylum.

c. Refugees

i. INS Form IjV94 annotated with stamp showing admission under 207 INA

ii. INS Form IjV688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated

iii. INS Form IjV766 (Employment Authorization) scored

iv. IjV571 INS Form (Refugee Travel Document)

d. Foreign parole in US for at least one year

i. INS Form IjV94 with stamp showing admission for at least one year under section 212 (d) (5) of the INA. (Applicant can not aggregate periods Admission for less than a year to meet the requirement of one year.)

e. Alien whose deportation or removal was withheld

i. INS Form IjV688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated

ii. INS Form IjV766 (Employment Authorization) scored

iii. Order of an immigration judge showing deportation withheld under 243 (h) of the INA as in effect before April 1, 1997, or removal withheld under 241 (b) (3) of the INA.

f. Alien Granted Conditional Entry

i. INS Form IjV94 with stamp showing admission under 203 (a) (7) of the INA

ii. INS Form IjV688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated

iii. INS Form IjV766 (Employment Authorization) scored

g. Cuban / Haitian Entrant

i. INS Form IjV551 (Alien Registration Receipt Card, commonly known as a green card with CU6 code CU7 or CH6

ii. Seal IjV551 remaining temporary foreign passport or INS Form IjV94 with CU6 code or CU7

iii. INS Form IjV94 with stamp showing parole as Cuba / Haiti Entrant under Section 212 (d) (5) of the INA.

Or a signed LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) Acknowledgement Form for those who do not meet criteria for legal non citizen. Eligibility of Households based on U.S. Citizenship/Alien Status

1. All members are U.S. Citizens and/or have Qualified Alien status

If all members of the household are U.S. Citizens and/or have Qualified Alien status and all other eligibility criteria are met, the household is eligible to receive fuel assistance benefits as set forth in the FY16 Income Eligibility and Benefit Level Chart.

2. Mixed Household If the household consists of non-qualified aliens that are adults and U.S. Citizens or Qualified Aliens that are minors (under 18 years of age). The adult is allowed to apply on behalf of the U.S. Citizen or Qualified Alien children. Any income and/or additional real estate from the non-qualified alien adults must be documented and included in the calculation for the determination of eligibility for fuel assistance.

.Mixed households that have been deemed income qualified are awarded a pro-rated benefit. The proration takes into account those household members that are eligible for LIHEAP (i.e., proved their U.S. Citizens or Qualified Alien status) and discounts those household members are not eligible.

3. Household comprised of non-qualified aliens. If all members of the household are non-qualified aliens, the household is not eligible to receive fuel assistance benefits.