

Proof of US Citizenship

Acceptable Documents

Birth Certificate

Birth Certificates are acceptable if it provides **all** the following information:

- Issued by the city, county, or state of birth
- Lists applicant's full name, date of birth, and place of birth
- Lists parent(s)' full names
- Has the signature of the city, county, or state registrar
- Has the date filed with the registrar's office (must be within one year of birth)

***BE CAREFUL**, this is not the same as a Certificate of Live Birth!

Passport or Passport Card

Your passport must be valid on November 18, 2022 to be an acceptable form of citizenship.

Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certificate of Birth

Certificate of Naturalization

Certificate of Citizenship



Unacceptable Documents:

- Certificates of Live Birth
 - Expired Passports
 - Drivers Licenses
- Social Security Card
 - Student IDs
 - Work IDs
 - Military IDs

FAQs:

Q: My legal name does not match what I wrote on my application. Is this a problem?

A: Yes. You must apply using your current legal name. Do not apply using a nickname. If your current legal name does not match the name which is on your birth certificate, passport, or naturalization papers, due to reasons such as marriage or legal name change, then you must submit additional proof, such as:

- Scan of marriage certificate if your legal name changed because of marriage
- Scan of legal name change paperwork if you legally changed your name

Q: I'm a U.S. resident, but not a citizen. Can I still apply through the U.S.?

A: No, to be considered eligible in the United States, you must have U.S. citizenship by the application deadline. Please contact the Embassy of Japan of your country of citizenship to learn more about applying for the JET Program. A list of countries currently participating on the JET Program is available at the [JET Programme website](#).