## Pathway to U.S. Citizenship

For an adult immigrant to become a U.S. citizen, he or she must go through the process of naturalization. GENERAL requirements for naturalization call for the immigrant to:

Be at least 18 years old at the time of filing the Application for **Naturalization (Form N-400)** 

Take an oath of allegiance to the **United States** 



Be a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States

**Demonstrate a basic knowledge** of U.S. history, government, and civic principles

At the time of filing the application, have been a permanent resident in the **United States for at least** 5 years (or for at least 3 years if you meet all eligibility requirements to file as a spouse of a **United States citizen)** 

**Demonstrate an ability to** read, write, speak, and understand basic English



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Receive a **Certificate of Naturalization** 



**Have demonstrated** 

physical presence

**Have demonstrated** continuous permanent residence

**Demonstrate an attachment** to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution





**Have lived within the State or USCIS District for at least** 3 months prior to filing



- $\star$  Form N-400: uscis.gov/n-400
- **★** Learn more about specific eligibility requirements for naturalization: uscis.gov/citizenship