



Naturalization and Citizenship Assistance in Michigan

Benefits of citizenship

Civic: voting and running for elected office

Employment: eligibility for federal jobs

Public benefits:

- Medicare requires higher premiums for non-citizens
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) if disabled

Social Security:

- Retirement benefits available abroad
- Survivor's benefits available if married to citizen

Family: ability to petition for more members

Security: protection from deportation

Financial: children may automatically derive citizenship

Travel: no limitations on the length of travels

Requirements for naturalization

- (1) Be 18 years or older
- (2) Be a permanent resident for five years (unless married to *and* living with citizen spouse for three full years)
- (3) Residency requirements:
 - Continuous residence: primary residence is in the United States during the statutory period (e.g. house, bills, etc)
 - Physical presence: spend more time inside than outside the United States during statutory period
 - Reside in Michigan for three months
- (4) Be a person of good moral character
- (5) Be comfortable writing, reading, speaking, and understanding English. Fluency not required. Exemptions available for older, long-time permanent residents and those with disabilities.
- (6) Demonstrate knowledge of U.S. history and civics
- (7) Be willing to take Oath of Allegiance
- (8) Pay the \$725 filing fee or qualify for a fee waiver*

* full and partial fee waivers available for households that earn less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines

Where to seek assistance

Detroit New Americans Campaign partners

Chaldean Community Foundation
 3601 15 Mile Road
 Sterling Heights, MI 48310
 586.722.7253
www.chaldeanfoundation.org

International Institute of Metro Detroit
 111 E Kirby Street
 Detroit, MI 48202
 313.871.8600
www.iimd.org

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
 15 S. Washington, Suite 201
 Ypsilanti, MI 48197
 734.239.6863
www.michiganimmigrant.org

Michigan United
 4405 Wesson Street
 Detroit, MI 48210
 248.509.4430
www.miunited.org

South Asian American Voices for Impact
 1616 Delancy Circle
 Canton, MI 48188
 248.722.0020
www.saa-vi.org

Community-based organizations

for a full list, please see the back of this sheet or visit www.michiganimmigrant.org and select Service Provider Guide from the Resources tab

CitizenshipWorks

CitizenshipWorks.org is a free, web-based platform that guides applicants through the naturalization application. The system is designed to alert applicants to problematic issues and connect them to local organizations providing legal advice and assistance, when appropriate. CitizenshipWorks is not a substitute for tailored legal advice.

Private attorneys

There are dozens of licensed attorneys around the state who are available to help applicants apply for naturalization.

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

www.uscis.gov is official website for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The naturalization application form and citizenship resources are available for free on this website.



Nonprofit, immigration legal service providers

Below, please find a non-exhaustive list of nonprofit legal service providers that help individuals apply for naturalization

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN	WEST MICHIGAN
<p>ACCESS 6451 Schaefer Road Dearborn, MI 48126 313.945.8380 www.accesscommunity.org</p> <p>Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan 15945 Canal Rd. Clinton Township, MI 48038 586.416.2300 x4023 www.ccsem.org</p> <p>CODE Legal Aid 27321 Hampden St., Madison Heights, MI 48071 248.543.5214 x4007</p> <p>Justice for our Neighbors 20000 W. 13 Mile Road Beverly Hills, MI 48025 734.709.1151 www.jfonmi.org</p> <p>Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center 17375 Harper Avenue, Suite 24124 Detroit, MI 48224 313.881.2903 www.detimmigrantcenter.com</p>	<p>Diocese of Grand Rapids - Immigration Legal Services 213 Sheldon Blvd. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616.551.4746</p> <p>Diocese of Kalamazoo – Immigration Assistance Program 215 W. Westnedge Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007 269.385.1019 www.diocesekalamazoo.org</p> <p>Immigrant Connection at City Life Church 574 S. Division Avenue Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616.260.1477 www.citylifeonline.net/immigrant-connection</p> <p>Justice for our Neighbors 207 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616.301.7461 www.jfonmi.org</p> <p>Justice for our Neighbors 212 South Park Street Kalamazoo, MI 49007 269.743.2501 www.jfonmi.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LANSING</p> <p>St. Vincent Catholic Charities – Immigration Law Clinic 2800 W. Willow St. Lansing, MI 48917 517.323.4734 www.stvcc.org</p>	<p>Justice for our Neighbors 222 Cass St. Traverse City, MI 49684 231.620.1100 www.jfonmi.org</p> <p>Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates 610 Butternut Drive, Suite 100 Holland, MI 49424 616.298.8984 www.lighthouseimmigrantadvocates.com</p>