

The American Immigration Lawyers Association Northern California Chapter

Invites you to a

CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 18, 2009

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hastings College of the Law, Mayer Lounge
198 McAllister Street, San Francisco
Near Civic Center Muni/BART Station

Eligible applicants will receive free assistance with their citizenship applications as time permits. All applicants will receive individualized screening for eligibility, but the requirements generally include:

- At least 5 years of lawful permanent residency (3 if married to a U.S. citizen).
- Physical presence in the U.S. for at least ½ of those 5 years/3 years.
- No departures from U.S. over 1 year (absences over 6 mo. need attorney review)
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Speak, read and write basic English and Pass Civics Test. You may take the test in your native language if: you are:
 - Age 55 and older who have been permanent residents for 15 years or more (at time of filing)
 - Age 50 and older who have been permanent residents for 20 years or more (at time of filing)
- Applicants may be eligible for a medical disability waiver for the tests, but would be referred to a non-profit or private attorney for assistance.
- Have good moral character and pay taxes. All arrest/court documents will need to be reviewed.
- Pay filing fee of \$595 plus biometrics fee of \$80 (total fee \$675). No biometrics fee for 75 and older.

To receive assistance at the workshop, you must bring all of the following:

- "Green card", Social Security card, passport and CA identification/driver's license.
- List of all addresses (including zip code) for the past five years including dates of residence.
- List of employers and/or schools for the past five years, with addresses plus start and end dates.
- List of all trips outside the U.S. during the last five years, including start and end dates.
- Information about all current and former spouses and all children, including full legal name, date of birth, social security number, alien number, date and place of naturalization, and current address.
- Information about all of your current and prior marriages, including date of marriage, date the marriage ended, and how marriage ended (divorce/death/annulment).
- Information about all of spouse's prior marriages, including start and end date
- Documentation of all arrests and/or convictions, including reason for the arrest, date, place, and outcome/disposition. Bring ALL arrest and court documents, even if the charges were dropped.
- Men only: Evidence of Selective Service registration if you were a lawful permanent resident between the ages of 18 and 26. You may verify registration at www.sss.gov, or by calling (888) 655-1825.
- Recommended: complete sample application from: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/N-400.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE: You do not need to register, just drop in on April 18.
You must have photo ID to pass building security

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