



## Verification of Lawful Presence in the United States

Return the original of this form with your attached proof of Lawful Presence in the United States to:



Registrar's Office  
66 George Street  
Lightsey Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Charleston, SC 29424

Email questions to [lawfulpresence@cofc.edu](mailto:lawfulpresence@cofc.edu)  
More information at <http://registrar.cofc.edu/lawful-presence/index.php>

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ CofC ID (Not SSN) \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to section 59-101-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended in 2008, to attend a public university in the state a student must be a citizen or national of the United States or an alien lawfully present in the United States. College of Charleston is required to verify the status of all students prior to their enrollment. The Board of Trustees of the College has approved a verification process to comply with the law.

### Every student must provide proof of U.S. citizenship before being allowed to enroll.

Visit the Registrar's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Lightsey Center, to present one of these documents with the original signed copy of this form; or mail the original of the form with a photocopy of one of the documents.

- South Carolina Driver's License or identification card if it was issued after January 1, 2002. The College may verify the validity of the license with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Current and valid Driver's License or identification card from one of the following states: **(If your state is not on this list, it is not eligible.)** Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, or Wisconsin.
- Current U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport that has not been expired more than 10 years
- Certified Birth Certificate indicating you were born in the United States or a territory of the United States, with your given name and surname, date and place of birth, date birth record was filed and the seal or other certification of the official custodian of the certificate.
- Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS Form N-550 or N-570)
- U.S. government issued Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- Unexpired U.S. Active Duty/Retiree/Reservist Military ID card (DOD DD-2)

### **Photocopies are acceptable, but College of Charleston reserves the right to demand production of the certified original if needed.**

**NOTE:** If student's name has changed since birth, applicant must present all legal documents (i.e., adoption records, marriage certificate, certificate of naturalization, court ordered name change) supporting all name changes from the name which appears on the document presented as proof of lawful presence in the United States.

By my signature below, I hereby attest and certify that I am a citizen of the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Signature of Student

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Date

For office use: Received by & date \_\_\_\_\_ Updated system by & date \_\_\_\_\_

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