



U.S. Passport Applications for Children Under Age 16

Require Both Parents' Consent

As provided by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 22, Section 51.28

Important: All minors must appear in person when applying for a passport

Both parents, or child's legal guardian must:

1. Submit evidence of child's U.S. citizenship and
2. Submit evidence that they are the parents or guardian and
3. Present valid personal identification and
4. Submit a photocopy of the front and back of the identification shown and
5. Sign and take oath before an authorized passport acceptance agent

If the second parent is not available to sign, the appearing parent must:

1. Complete the above and
2. Present evidence of
 - Sole legal custody of the child or
 - Notarized written consent of the other parent for the issuance of the passport along with a photocopy of the non-appearing parent's identification or
 - Written statement explaining why non-appearing parent's consent cannot be obtained

If no parent is available to sign, the third-party *in loco parentis* must:

1. Appear with a notarized written statement or affidavit from both parents or custodial parent(s), authorizing the third-party to apply for passport. When the statement or affidavit is from only one parent, the third-party must present evidence of sole custody of the authorizing parent.

The law requires that all applications be signed under oath and penalty of perjury

The most efficient way to apply for a child under age 16 is to present the required documentation and

- For *both* parents to appear at the time of application, or
- If only one parent can apply, for the applying parent/guardian to present the additional documentation required at the time of application.

See reverse for examples of acceptable evidence

Incomplete submissions will delay passport issuance

The passport fees paid at the time of application are non-refundable processing fees

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or

By calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at

1-877-487-2778 (TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793)