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)
- Be a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States
- Take an oath of allegiance to the United States
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of U.S. history, government, and civic principles
- Demonstrate an ability to read, write, speak, and understand basic English
- Demonstrate an attachment to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution
- Have demonstrated good moral character
- Have lived within the State or USCIS District for at least 3 months prior to filing
- Have demonstrated continuous permanent residence
- 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)

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