

Proving your Foreign status or Identity

Proving your "foreign status" or "identity." If you provide an original valid passport (or a certified copy from the issuing agency), you do not need to provide any other documents to prove your "foreign status" or "identity." Otherwise, you must include at least two of the documents listed in the chart below for SMEBC to complete your application. The documents must be current¹, verify your identity (that is, contain your name), and support your claim of foreign status. At least one document must contain your photograph, but a photograph is not required if documents are submitted for a dependent under age 14 (under age 18 if a student). Do not include expired documents.

Certified copies from the issuing agency of a passport must include the U.S. visa pages if a visa is required for your Form W-7 application.

Supporting Documentation	Can be used to establish:	
	Foreign status	Identity
Passport (the only stand-alone document)	X	X
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) photo identification	X	X
Visa issued by U.S. Department of State	X	X
U.S. driver's license		X
U.S. military identification card		X
Foreign driver's license		X
Foreign military identification card	X	X
National identification card (must be current and contain name, photograph, address, date of birth, and expiration date)	X	X
U.S. state identification card		X
Foreign voter's registration card	X	X
Civil birth certificate	X ¹	X
Medical records (valid only for dependents under age 6)	X ¹	X
School records (valid only for dependents under age 14 (under age 18 if a student))	X ¹	X
¹ Can be used to establish foreign status only if they are foreign documents.		

NOTE: Original documentation submitted for a dependent must include a civil birth certificate (unless a passport is submitted).