# 5 REASONS TO BECOME A CITIZEN



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# THE RIGHT TO VOTE

One of the biggest advantages of being a US citizen is having the right to vote in state and federal elections. This means that you have the opportunity to take part in politics and to decide on the future of the nation. As a non-US citizen living in the US you currently have no right to vote and can be deported if you do vote without before becoming a citizen.





US citizens have the right to sponsor their immediate family and relatives for a US green card. As a citizen, you will be able to ensure that family members who also wish to live in the states will be able to do so. If you get married to someone from outside the US, your status will ensure that you can sponsor your new spouse for a green card in the US as well. As a US citizen your application is given preference over green card holders petitioning for their families.

## TRAVEL

US citizens can travel for an unlimited period of time without losing their citizenship status.

Lawful permanent residents of the United States who travel outside the country for more than 180 days must apply for readmission to the US. However, as a US citizen you can travel for as long as you like without having to worry about your immigration status being affected.





#### PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN

When you become a US citizen any of your qualified children under the age of 18 will automatically get their citizenship too! They'll immediately have access to all the benefits of citizenship and they'll never have to worry about losing their US immigration status.



### U.S. PASSPORT



All citizens have the right to a U.S. passport. A U.S. passport allows you not only to travel internationally, in many cases without needing a visa, but also to re-enter the United States freely.



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