



U.S. Passport Applications for Children Under Age 14



Require Both Parents' Signatures

As provided by Public Law 106-113, Section 236
Effective July 2, 2001

Both parents or child's legal guardian must:

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

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

1. Do the above and
2. Present evidence that he/she has:
 - sole legal custody of the child or
 - written consent of the other parent for the issuance of the passport or
 - written statement explaining why non-applying 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 either 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 under penalty of perjury.



**The most efficient way to apply for a child under age 14
is to present the required documentation and**

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

Incomplete submissions will delay passport issuance.

See reverse for examples of acceptable evidence.



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



For questions: Visit us at travel.state.gov or Call the National Passport Information Center at
1-900-225-5674 or with V, M, or AmEx 1-888-362-8668
This is a fee-for-service call, not funded by tax dollars.

Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program (CPIAP)

Separate from the two-parent signature requirement for U.S. passport issuance, parents may also request that their children's names be entered in the U.S. Passport name-check system. The Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program provides:

- Notification to parents of passport applications made on behalf of their minor children, and
- Denial of passport issuance if appropriate court orders are on file with the CPIAP.

For more information, contact the Office of Children's Issues at:
Tel: 202-736-7000, Fax: 202-663-2674, travel.state.gov/children's_issues