

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has the opportunity to receive available educational funds from the California Department of Education to prepare eligible individuals to become U.S. citizens. Therefore, for the school district it is very important to identify those students who are eligible for U.S. citizenship to be able to receive the much-needed educational funds.

Becoming U.S. citizens is the ultimate step for permanent residents of this country to transition into the mainstream of American society. There are many advantages a person derives from becoming a citizen. Among those are:

- Voting in local, state, and national elections.
- Becoming eligible for certain jobs available only to citizens.
- Being assured that one's residency in the United States is truly permanent.
- Becoming eligible for U.S. government programs.

The basic eligibility requirements for U. S. citizenship are that the candidate must:

- A. Be 18 years of age or older
- B. Have been a lawful permanent resident for five years, or
- C. Have been a lawful permanent resident for three years, if married to a person who has been a United States citizen for at least three years and the applicant has been living with the citizen spouse for at least the three-year period just prior to filing an application for naturalization.

If you are eligible for U.S. citizenship, we ask you to assist the LAUSD in obtaining the available citizenship education funds. Please inform your teacher of your eligibility as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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