



Child Support

Does the applicant have any minor dependents that do not live with him (either in the U.S. or in a foreign country)?

- If no, continue with screening and registration.
- If yes, does the applicant pay child support?
 - An applicant is required to support his minor dependents whether they reside in the U.S. or in a foreign country.

Has the applicant failed to support his dependents?

- If no, applicant will have to show proof that he has supported his minor dependent children.
 - Applicant should include any court order requiring him to pay child support and evidence that he has complied with his obligation [e.g., checks, receipts, letter from the parent or guardian of the child(ren)]. Child support paid in the U.S. through a court order can be documented through the state's child support enforcement agency (e.g., Massachusetts Department of Revenue).
- If yes, the applicant will have difficulty establishing good moral character to USCIS.
 - An applicant with minor children in the U.S. or abroad has an obligation to support them, whether there is a court order or not.

Note: Project Citizenship does not need to see this documentation before scheduling for an appointment. However, the screener should make clear to the applicant, especially if he is paying the application fee, that the application will be denied if the applicant fails to prove he supports his children.