

The American Immigration Lawyers Association Northern California Chapter

invites you to a free

CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 30, 2011

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

UC Hastings College of the Law, Mayer Lounge
198 McAllister Street, San Francisco
Near Civic Center BART/Muni Station

Eligible applicants will receive free assistance with their citizenship applications as time permits. All applicants will receive individualized screening for eligibility, but the requirements generally include:

- At least 5 years of lawful permanent residency (3 if married to a U.S. citizen)
- Physical presence in the U.S. for at least half of those 5 years/3 years
- No departures from U.S. over 1 year (absences over 6 months need attorney review)
- Be at least 18 years old
- Speak, read and write basic English and pass a Civics Test.** You may take the test in your native language only if you are:
 - Age 55 or older and have been a permanent resident for 15 years or more (at time of filing)
 - Age 50 or older and have been a permanent residents for 20 years or more (at time of filing)
- Applicants may be eligible for a medical disability waiver for the tests, but would be referred to a nonprofit or private attorney for assistance with the waiver
- Have good moral character and pay taxes. All arrest/court documents will need to be reviewed
- Pay filing fee of \$595 plus biometrics fee of \$85 (total fee \$680). No biometrics fee for ages 75 and older.

To receive assistance at the workshop, you must bring all of the following:

- "Green card," Social Security card, passport and California identification/driver's license
- List of all addresses (including ZIP code) for the past five years including dates of residence
- List of employers and/or schools for the past five years, with addresses plus start and end dates
- List of all trips outside the U.S. during the past five years, including start and end dates
- Information about all current and former spouses and all children, including full legal name, date of birth, Social Security number, alien number, date and place of naturalization, and current address
- Information about your current and all prior marriages, including date of marriage, date the marriage ended, and how marriage ended (divorce/death/annulment)
- Information about all of spouse's prior marriages, including start and end date
- Documentation of all arrests and/or convictions, including reason for the arrest, date, place, and outcome/disposition. Bring ALL arrest and court documents, even if the charges were dropped
- Men only:** Evidence of Selective Service registration if you were a lawful permanent resident between the ages of 18 and 26. You may verify registration at www.sss.gov, or by calling (888) 655-1825
- Recommended:** Complete and bring sample application from <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/N-400.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE: You do not need to register, just drop in on April 30.

You must have a photo ID to pass building security.

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