

What To Bring: Trouble Paying the Fee

- **If you are unable to pay the fee for the Naturalization Application (N-400) you may request a fee waiver.**

There are three (3) ways to qualify for a waiver of the USCIS filing fee:

1. **Are you receiving a means-tested public benefit?** This includes Food Stamps (SNAP), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Medical Assistance from a County Assistance Office, Cash Assistance, and possibly other programs.
2. **Is your household income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline?** A volunteer will review the poverty guidelines chart with you. If your household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline for your household size, you may be eligible for a fee waiver.
3. **Do you have a severe financial hardship?** You may be eligible for a fee waiver even if your household income is more than 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, if you have a severe financial hardship. Examples include recent unemployment, high medical expenses, or other unexpected large expenses.

In order to apply for a fee waiver, it is recommended that you have the following materials:

- ✓ Proof of public benefits received (food stamps, Medicaid, SSI, TANF, other benefits statement)
- ✓ Evidence of employment (pay stubs, W-2s, statement from employer, latest income tax return)
- ✓ Proof of living arrangements (e.g. living with relatives, living in own home or apartment) and evidence of whether your dependents are living with you
- ✓ Rent or Mortgage receipts, food & clothing receipts, utility bills (gas, electricity, water, telephone), child care receipts, tuition bills, transportation expenses, medical receipts, other essential expenses/bills
- ✓ Proof that verifies your disability (from SSA, DSHS, VA, DOD)
- ✓ Documents that show all assets owned by you or your dependents
- ✓ Proof of debts (outstanding loans, credit cards, bills)

