For the purposes of issuance, a minor is defined as an unmarried, non-emancipated person under the age of 18. However, there are critical differences in passport issuance between minors under age 16 and minors 16 and 17.

Minors under Age 16

Form DS-11 must be personally presented to and executed before an authorized Acceptance Agent. All applicants must appear before an Acceptance Agent when submitting Form DS-11. All children, regardless of age, including newborns and infant, must have their own passport. To execute the application of a minor child under 16, **BOTH** parents must appear with the minor to submit:

* Evidence of the minor’s U.S. citizenship
* Photocopy of the minor’s U.S. citizenship evidence
* Evidence of parental relationship
* Personal photo identification of the parents
* Photocopy of identification of the parents
* One passport photo of the minor
* Passport application fee in the form of a check, money order or cashier’s check

Evidence of U.S. Citizenship for Minors

To establish citizenship for a minor, one of the following documents must be submitted with the application.

* Certifies U.S. birth certificate
* Previously issued full-validity U.S. passport book or card.
* Report of birth abroad
* Certificate of Naturalization
* Certificate of citizenship

An adopted applicant who was born in the U.S. may present either of the following as evidence of citizenship.

* A certified copy of the original birth certificate ad a certified copy of the adoption decree showing the name change, or
* A certified copy of the birth certificate in the adoptive name; if the certificate is a delayed record, supporting documents, such as the adoption decree, are also required.

Minors age 16 and 17

A minor who is 16 or 17 years of age must appear in person and sign their own passport application. The minor can submit their own identification, if available.

* A Valid Driver’s license
* Valid Official U.S. Military ID
* Valid Government Employee ID
* Valid US or Foreign Passport with recognizable photo
* Naturalization/Citizenship Certificate with recognizable photo
* Permanent Resident Card (Also known as Resident Alien card or Green Card)
* B2 Visa/Border Crossing Card

A Minor 16 or 17 years of age must apply with **ONE** parent present.

That parent must bring photo ID. A copy of that ID will be submitted with the application.

The parent must also sign the application.