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What are FEMA's citizenship/immigration requirements?

You must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or a qualified alien to qualify for a grant from FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. However, undocumented individuals can apply on behalf of a minor child who is a citizen and has a social security number. FEMA can provide information about obtaining a social security number for a minor child. The minor child must live with the parent/guardian applying on his/her behalf.

You will be asked to sign a Declaration and Release (http://www.disasterassistance.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/Declaration%20and%20Release_E form stating that you are a U.S. Citizen, Non-Citizen National, or a Qualified Alien. If you cannot sign the Declaration and Release, another adult household member who is eligible can sign it and no information regarding your status will be gathered.

If you cannot sign the Declaration and Release but you have a minor child who is a U.S. Citizen or a Qualified Alien residing with you, you can apply for assistance on your child's behalf and no information regarding your status will be gathered. You will be asked to sign a declaration that your child is a U.S. Citizen, Non-Citizen National, or a Qualified Alien.

Other Individual Assistance programs such as Crisis Counseling, Disaster Legal Services and other short-term, non-cash emergency assistance, such as congregate shelters, are available to an individual and family regardless of citizenship status. Additionally, voluntary agencies provide help regardless of citizenship/immigration status.

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