

# Citizenship Defined

*Being a member of a particular country and having the rights, obligations, and responsibilities that come with it.*

# Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities

## Rights:

- Freedom to express yourself.
- Freedom to worship as you wish.
- Right to a prompt, fair trial by jury.
- Right to vote in elections for public officials.
- Right to apply for federal employment requiring U.S. citizenship.
- Right to run for elected office.
- Freedom to pursue “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

## Responsibilities:

- Support and defend the Constitution.
- Stay informed of the issues affecting your community.
- Participate in the democratic process.
- Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws.
- Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others.
- Participate in your local community.
- Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities.
- Serve on a jury when called upon.
- Defend the country if the need should arise.

Source: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learn-about-citizenship/should-i-consider-us-citizenship>

# Citizenship Profile

- Born on another continent to non-U.S. citizen parents
- Fluent in English and multiple other languages
- Came to the United States in the 1990s to attend a university, and later earned multiple degrees
- Has built multiple successful businesses