



Not yet a U.S. citizen?

If a student who qualifies to continue in the scholarship competition (as a Semifinalist or Special Scholarship candidate) **has not yet become a U.S. citizen**, the following documentation must be submitted to NMSC with the Scholarship Application (NMSC will not share citizenship information with any other organization or agency):

- A letter signed by the student explaining his or her plans for becoming a citizen, including the date on which the student expects to be eligible and will apply for U.S. citizenship

AND

- *If the student is a U.S. lawful permanent resident*, a copy of the student's Permanent Resident Card (Green Card); or a copy of the student's passport including the identity/biographical page and the "I-551" stamp showing that the student has been granted lawful permanent resident status

OR

- *If the student has applied for U.S. lawful permanent residence*, a copy of Form I-797 Receipt Notice from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) that verifies that the student filed the "Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status" (Form I-485). *Note: Form I-797 Receipt Notice must be received on or before January 31 of the program year.*