



Dear Student,

In 2012, the Tennessee General Assembly passed the “Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act” (Public Chapter 1061). This act provides that state governmental entities, including public higher education, must verify that applicants for ‘state public benefits’ are either a United States citizen or a ‘qualified alien’. This law takes effect October 1, 2012 for applications filed for spring 2013 and any following semesters. **Every student receiving in-state tuition, or receiving state public benefits, must provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence.** As of August 19th, 2015, changes were made to the way that students can verify proof of citizenship or lawful presence, which is found below:

You may present documentation verifying US citizenship claim or lawful presence claim. The documents must be presented in person or scanned and emailed to admissions@nsc.edu.

Provide one of the following documents to verify proof of EVEA:	Provide two of the following documents to verify proof of EVEA:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for which the student’s U.S. Citizenship or eligible non-citizenship status is confirmed. • Valid regular TN driver license or photo identification card. “Temporary” licenses or IDs are not acceptable; • Valid, Unexpired Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) with picture ID; • A valid, unexpired U.S. passport; • A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561); • A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570, or N578); • A U.S. citizen identification card (I-197, I-179); • Valid, unexpired foreign passport with visa stamped “Processed for I-1551;” • Non-Resident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card; • Permanent Resident Re-Entry Permit (I-327); • Refugee Travel Document (I-571) • Valid, Unexpired foreign passport with valid visa in a category that permits study at an institution of higher education (see chart); • Any other document determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program created pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. 	<p>Provide a valid, government issued picture ID, including a regular driver license, temporary driver license, government issued DL/ID card from any U.S. state, Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766);</p> <p>Along with one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) without ID picture; • An official birth certificate issued by the U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory; except for Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010; • A U.S. government-issued certified birth certificate; • A U.S. certificate of birth abroad (DS=1350 or FS-545); • A reprint of birth abroad of a citizen of the U.S. (FS-240); • Notice of Approval of Status with bottom I-94 portion attached (Form I-797);

Please contact the Office of Admissions for further questions at admissions@nsc.edu or 615-353-3215.

Sincerely,

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