

The Benefits of Becoming a United States Citizen

Right to Vote: The United States is one of the world's largest democracies and becoming a U.S. citizen grants you the right to vote in the Federal elections, though the State rights vary.

Eligibility for Government Job & Benefits: U.S. citizens are protected by special American rules and laws that do not cover Permanent Residents and other visa holders. U.S. citizens also become eligible for some of the Government project jobs.

Chance to Reunite Your Family: When you become a U.S. citizen, you also get the right to sponsor the citizenship for your family members – spouses, siblings, children and parents, and help them immigrate, live and work in the United States. The immediate relatives can obtain a Green Card sooner than the others.

Study Benefits: Becoming a U.S. citizen brings you at par with the others in the United States when it comes to accessing educational facilities, scholarships, grants, etc. This makes it easier for the immigrants to access the high class public education facilities.

Work Permit Benefits: When you still don't have your U.S. citizenship, your dependants and family get a study or a work visa and you remain the primary applicant. However, once you become a U.S. citizen or even get your Green Card, your dependents can live and work in the United States irrespective of their age and marital status.

Business Benefits: **Becoming a U.S. citizen** allows you the right to be able to open up your own business, get grants from the government for your projects, and get exemptions from export restrictions and even get security clearances for your work.

Retirement Benefits: Becoming a U.S. citizen reaps benefits not only in your young age but also after you grow old, especially if you have worked for at least ten years before you retire, though it also depends on what age you retire. It also includes a lot of other benefits like those for disability, dependents, survivors, etc.

Tax consequences: With becoming a citizen comes responsibilities, one of the first ones being paying taxes. U.S. citizens get a lot of advantages when it comes to paying taxes. After becoming a full-fledged citizen, you also get easier approvals for your loans and mortgages.

No Danger of Deportation: When you are still living in the U.S. on a visa, the constant threat of deportation or removal is always looming over your head, however, once you become a full-fledged U.S. citizen this threat is dissolved forever.

International Travel Made Easier: As a visa holder, you are forbidden by the rules to leave the United States for more than 180 days at a stretch, requiring a re-entry permit if you wish to live and work here again. However, once you are a U.S. citizen, you have a passport issued by the U.S. government. Once that happens, so far as you have the visa and permits from that country, you can stay outside the U.S. soil for as long as you want.

Healthcare Benefits: The world over, the United States is very well known for its medical infrastructure and facilities. A lot of insurance companies will check your citizenship status before enrolling you for their insurance. Your health then gets completely taken care of with insurance, which is an almost must requirement for survival in the United States.

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