

Earth Conservation Corps Citizenship Policy

Policy Statement

The Earth Conservation Corps is committed to ensuring that all members meet the necessary citizenship or legal residency requirements. This policy outlines the documentation requirements and procedures for verifying the eligibility of all Earth Conservation Corps members.

Scope

This policy applies to all applicants and members of the Earth Conservation Corps. It is designed to ensure compliance with federal regulations and to maintain the integrity of the Corps' membership process.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for membership with the Earth Conservation Corps, individuals must meet one of the following criteria:

1. U.S. Citizenship:

- The individual is a United States citizen by birth or naturalization.

2. U.S. National:

- The individual is a U.S. national, including persons born in American Samoa or Swains Island.

3. Lawful Permanent Resident Alien:

- The individual is a lawful permanent resident of the United States, holding a valid Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).

4. Legal Residency with Work Authorization:

- The individual is legally residing in the United States with documentation that permits them to work, such as an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) or a valid visa with accompanying work authorization.

Required Documentation

All applicants and members must provide one of the following forms of documentation to verify their citizenship or legal residency status:

1. For U.S. Citizens:

- A valid U.S. Passport.
- A certified copy of a U.S. Birth Certificate.
- Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570).
- Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561).

- Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240) or Consular Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-545).

2. For U.S. Nationals:

- A valid U.S. Passport indicating U.S. national status.
- A Birth Certificate from a U.S. Territory, such as American Samoa or Swains Island.

3. For Lawful Permanent Residents:

- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551, "Green Card").

4. For Individuals with Other Legal Residency:

- Employment Authorization Document (EAD) (Form I-766).
- Valid Visa with supporting documentation (e.g., Form I-94 or I-797).

Verification Process

All documentation must be submitted to the Earth Conservation Corps during the application process. The Corps will verify the authenticity of all documents in accordance with federal regulations. Failure to provide the required documentation will result in ineligibility for membership.

Confidentiality

All personal information and documentation provided by applicants and members will be treated with the highest level of confidentiality and will be used solely for the purpose of verifying eligibility for service with the Earth Conservation Corps.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or as needed to ensure compliance with any changes in federal regulations or requirements.