

About CUNY Citizenship Now!



CUNY Citizenship Now! provides free, high quality, and confidential immigration legal services to help individuals and families on their path to U.S. citizenship. Our attorneys and paralegals offer one-on-one consultations to assess participants' eligibility for legal benefits and assist them in applying when qualified. We also coordinate community, educational, and volunteer initiatives to help expand opportunities for New York City's immigrant population. Our services are available to the community in several languages, including Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Polish, French, and Italian.

Our success in recent years has been marked by a dramatic increase in both the number of participants we have served and our rate of returning volunteers. In fiscal year 2009-2010, we assisted 10,850 participants, including over 900 Haitians seeking Temporary Protected Status after the tragic 2010 earthquake. As we continue to grow, we are making efforts to expand our unique model to other cities.

Become a Volunteer

To register for the CUNY/NYC Citizenship Now! Volunteer Corps and start receiving e-mails, visit:

www.cuny.edu/citizenshipnow/volunteer

or use your smart phone to scan the QR code below and fill out our registration form on your phone.



Never seen a QR code before? Visit the App Store on your Android, iPhone, Blackberry, or Windows Mobile phone and download a QR code scanner. Using your phone's built-in camera, the scanning software will read the code and open our website on your phone's mobile web browser.

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CUNY Citizenship Now! Immigration Centers

All Services are FREE



For directions, hours of service and more, call the numbers below, visit www.cuny.edu/citizenshipnow or snap the QR code to the left with your smart phone. Note: all centers require an appointment to see you.

BROOKLYN

Medgar Evers Immigration Center†
(718) 270-6292

MANHATTAN

City College Immigration Center†
(212) 650-6620

CUNY Express Immigration Center†
(212) 568-4692

QUEENS

Flushing Immigration Center†
(718) 640-9223

York College Immigration Center†
(718) 262-2983

STATEN ISLAND

College of Staten Island, El Centro, and Project Hospitality Help Center*
(718) 273-6737

THE BRONX

Hostos Community College Immigration Center†
(718) 518-4395

† Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Recognized

* Part-time center

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The CUNY/NYC Citizenship Now! Volunteer Corps is the only large-scale, university-based volunteer initiative in the country providing immigrants with free citizenship application assistance. It is a growing community of New Yorkers from all backgrounds who are passionate about immigrants' rights, immigration law, and service to the public.

Corps members are responsible for staffing Citizenship Now! events, held throughout New York City on weekends. At these events, volunteers work one-on-one with applicants, helping them complete the N-400 Application for Naturalization. Filing the N-400 is the final step towards citizenship for many residents who have spent years navigating through the difficult immigration process.

The Volunteer Corps grew out of a longstanding partnership between CUNY Citizenship Now! and the New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA). It was created to harness the tremendous energy and enthusiasm of participants in the annual CUNY/Daily News Citizenship NOW! Call-in. Today, the program allows volunteers to develop their interests and engage in service to the immigrant population year-round. Corps members are also invited to attend free training programs and have the opportunity to network with immigration attorneys, advocates, and community leaders.

The Corps is open to anyone who is interested in immigration-related issues. Among its current members are attorneys, paralegals, law students, and other immigration service providers. Volunteers are encouraged to attend events on a regular basis, especially those who may be considering a career in immigration services. Our events are a great way to learn, and are an exciting complement to any curriculum in immigration law.

Citizenship Now! Events

CUNY Citizenship Now! holds two events each month in partnership with elected officials and community organizations. Our partners have included New York City Council members, New York State Senators, New York State Assembly representatives, borough presidents, local unions, libraries, and educational institutions.

We offer the following services at our events:

- Evaluation of eligibility for naturalization.
- Free assistance in completing the N-400 and legal advice on supporting documents.
- Assistance with the USCIS fee waiver application.
- Free photos required for the application.
- Review of the completed application by an attorney or other legal expert.

Membership Benefits



By joining the Volunteer Corps, you will become part of a team of committed individuals that thrives on helping others. Those new to immigration will acquire hands-on experience and become familiar with the work of an immigration counselor. More experienced professionals will have the opportunity to share their skills with others.

In addition, volunteers have the opportunity to:

- Network with fellow Corps members and Citizenship Now! staff.
- Meet many of New York's influential public officials who co-sponsor events.
- Receive Citizenship Now! communications, including

our volunteer newsletter and e-mail invitations to events, free webinars and trainings, and other initiatives

- Assist immigrants in overcoming barriers to naturalization and help them become U.S. citizens.
- Connect with a diverse group of people from all over the world.

Annual Events



CUNY/Daily News Citizenship NOW! Call-in

Since 2004, the annual CUNY/ Daily News Citizenship NOW! Call-In has provided nearly 100,000 callers with free, confidential information on immigration issues ranging from U.S. citizenship to residency to family petitions. For one week each spring, we open the phones to take calls from anyone seeking immigration information or resources.

Hundreds of volunteers participate in this week-long event, many of them trained by CUNY Citizenship Now! At the 2011 Call-in, over 350 volunteers assisted 12,526 callers in over 40 different languages. As a Corps member, you will be invited to take part in this exciting event.

Immigrant Heritage Week

Immigrant Heritage Week was established by Mayor Michael Bloomberg in 2004 to commemorate the day in April 1907 when more immigrants arrived at Ellis Island than any other day in history. CUNY Citizenship Now! and the Volunteer Corps join the celebration each year by holding a massive, city-wide citizenship application assistance event where we aim to assist over 400 people in a single day.