

Exhibit-17A Declaration of Citizenship

Please read this form carefully and complete either block 1, 2 or 3. If this form is completed on behalf of a child, the adult who is responsible for the child should indicate that and sign and date below.

Family Member Name	Social Security #	Sex	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Relationship to Head of Household	Alien Registration #	Admission # (INS Form I-94)	Nationality

I, _____ (print member name neatly) hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am:

___ **1. a citizen** by birth, a naturalized citizen or national of the United States. If you checked this block, no further action is required. Sign and date below.

___ **2. a noncitizen with eligible immigration status** in the category checked below:

___ **(i)** Noncitizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence, as defined by section 101(1)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) as an immigrant, as defined by section 101(a)(15) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1001(a)(20) and 1101(a)(15), respectively. [immigrants] (This category includes a non-citizen admitted under Section 210 or 210A of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1160 or 1161), [special agricultural worker] who has been granted lawful resident status;

___ **(ii)** A noncitizen who entered the U.S. before January 1, 1972, or such later date as enacted by law, and has continuously maintained residence in the U.S. since then, and who is not eligible for citizenship, but who is deemed to be lawfully admitted for permanent residence as a result of an exercise of discretion by the Attorney General under Section 249 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1259);

___ **(iii)** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. pursuant to an admission under section 207 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1157) [refugee status]; pursuant to the granting of asylum (which has not been terminated) under section 208 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1158) [asylum status]; or as a result of being granted conditional entry under section 203(a)(7) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)(7)) before April 1, 1980, because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion or because of being uprooted by catastrophic national calamity;

___ **(iv)** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. as a result of an exercise of discretion by the Attorney General for emergency reasons or reasons deemed strictly in the public interest under section 212(d)(5) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) [parole status];

___ **(v)** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. as a result of the Attorney General's withholding deportation under section 243(h) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1253(h)) [threat to life or freedom]; or

___ **(vi)** A noncitizen lawfully admitted for temporary or permanent residence under section 245A of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1255a) [amnesty granted under INA 245A].

If you checked this **block 2** and you are 62 years of age or older and receiving assistance on June 19, 1995, you should submit a proof of age document, together with this form, and sign/date below

- If you checked this **block 2** and you are under 62 years of age, you must submit the documents listed on the next page of this form, together with this form, and sign/date below

___ **3. not contending eligible immigration status** and I understand that I am not eligible for financial assistance. If you checked **block 3**, no further information is required and the person named above is not eligible for assistance. Sign and date below.

Signature of Adult Family Member	Date

Check here if Adult signing for a child: ___

Request for an Extension - I hereby certify that I am a noncitizen with eligible immigration status, as noted in block 2 above, but the evidence needed to support my claim is temporarily unavailable. Therefore, I am requesting additional time to obtain the necessary evidence. I further certify that diligent and prompt efforts will be undertaken to obtain this evidence.

Signature of Adult Family Member	Date

Check here if Adult signing for a child: ___

Required Documents:

One of the following documents:

1. Form I-551, Alien Registration Receipt Card (for permanent resident aliens)
2. Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, with one of the following annotations:
 - i. "Admitted as Refugee Pursuant to section 207";
 - ii. "Section 208" or "Asylum";
 - iii. "Section 243(h)" or "Deportation stayed by Attorney General";
 - iv. "Paroled Pursuant to Sec. 212(d)(5) of the INA";
3. If Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, is not annotated, then accompanied by one of the following documents:
 - i. A final court decision granting asylum (but only if no appeal is taken);
 - ii. A letter from an INS asylum officer granting asylum (if application is filed on or after October 1, 1990) or from an INS district director grant asylum (if application filed before October 1, 1990);
 - iii. A court decision granting withholding or deportation; or
 - iv. A letter from an INS asylum officer granting withholding of deportation (if application filed on or after October 1, 1990).
4. Form I-688, Temporary Resident Card, which must be annotated "section 245A" or "section 210";
5. Form I-688B, Employment Authorization Card, which must be annotated "Provision of Law 274a.12(11)" or "Provision of Law 274a.12";
6. A receipt issued by the INS indicating that an application for issuance of a replacement document in one of the above-listed categories has been made and the applicant's entitlement to the document has been verified.
7. Form I-151, Alien Registration Receipt Card

Warning: South Carolina Code Section 16-9-10 provides, among other things, that it is unlawful for a person to willfully give false, misleading, or incomplete information on a document, record, report, or form required by the laws of this State. Any person who violates that section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than six months or fined not less than one hundred dollars, or both.