What is NaturalizeNY?

NaturalizeNY is a program that provides assistance for low-income immigrants to naturalize—to gain U.S. citizenship. The program is coordinated by the New York State Office for New Americans and supported by Opportunity Centers.

Legal permanent residents can register for the program and enter to win a fee voucher by visiting www.NaturalizeNY.org, or calling the New Americans Hotline, 1-800-566-7636.

Each winner will have 30 days to claim their voucher and work with their assigned Opportunity Center.

Who is eligible for citizenship?

If you have had a green card for more than 5 years, or more than 3 years if you are married to an American citizen, you may be eligible for citizenship, subject to conditions of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, uscis.gov.

Who can enter the program?

New York residents who are naturalization eligible legal permanent residents (green card holders) earning under 300% of the federal poverty guideline, and who are not eligible for a federal fee waiver.

How do I register?

NaturalizeNY registration will occur primarily online to screen for eligibility to participate in the lottery.

Winners will be referred to an Opportunity Center to complete a naturalization application. Please note the Opportunity Center will generally pay the naturalization application fee on behalf of each voucher winner directly to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.