

# Why Naturalize?

Through its work with the Cities for Citizenship network and other local community partners, Redmond encourages all eligible residents to become naturalized citizens of the US. The City hopes that all its residents are civically engaged to the fullest extent possible.

## 3 Practical Benefits of US Citizenship:

- 1** LESS EXPENSIVE  
In the long run, USCIS filing fees for naturalization are far less expensive than maintaining permanent resident status. It's just more cost-effective to become a U.S. citizen.
- 2** PRIORITY SERVICE  
When it comes to traveling abroad and immigrating other family members, U.S. citizens get priority over permanent residents.
- 3** CERTAINTY  
Permanent residency can be revoked. Many crimes can result in deportation of a permanent resident, and every time a permanent resident reenters the United States, reentry is at the discretion of the Customs & Border Protection officer.

## Other Reasons to Naturalize:

- ✓ Voting – Use your power to steer government on decisions related to immigration reform, healthcare, and more.
- ✓ Becoming eligible for Federal jobs – The Federal government has over 2 million jobs, most requiring US citizenship.
- ✓ Becoming an elected official – Don't just vote, run for office and have a direct impact on government and its policies.
- ✓ Showing your patriotism – Demonstrate your commitment to your new country.
- ✓ Financial aid – Many college scholarships require US citizenship.

For more information, go to [citizenpath.com/practical-benefits-of-us-citizenship](https://citizenpath.com/practical-benefits-of-us-citizenship)

