N-600K

Application for Citizenship & Issuance of Citizenship Certificate for a child who regularly resides outside of the **United States** and is claiming citizenship based on the child's parents.

Under what circumstances do I need to file an N-600K?

• Ex-patriate families intending to continue living overseas upon completing their adoption.

⇒ Under what circumstances does the N-600K not apply?

- Ex-patriate families who intend to return permanently to the US upon completion of their adoption. Families must provide proof to USCIS of their plans to remain in the US (i.e., job offer letter, home purchase, etc.)
- Active duty military families do not have to file the N-600K.

⇒ Process:

- The adoptive family and adoption agency must notify the US Embassy via e-mail that the family resides overseas and will need to file a DS-160 instead of a DS-260.
- Family files the I-600 or I-800
- Once the I-600 or I-800 is approved, the family will file the DS-160 to receive a US visitors visa for their child.
- Upon receipt of the visitors visa, the family will file the N-600K (families are recommended to hire an immigration attorney for assistance in this process)
- Family remains in their country of residence with the child until they are given a citizenship interview date.
- Family travels to the US for the interview date and will be given a certificate of citizenship for their child on that day.
- · Family then files for the US passport for the child

⇒ What is the fee for the process?

The current filing fee for the N600K is \$1,170. Please check the following website for current fees and details. https://www.uscis.gov/n-600k

⇒ What if the family's country of residence is different from the child's country of residence?

Families must obtain a visitors visa for the child to travel with them to their country of residence.

For Example: US Citizen adoptive family lives in Egypt and is adopting from Nigeria. Upon completion of their adoption in Nigeria, they must file the I-600 at the US Embassy in Nigeria and the DS-160. They must also file for a visitors visa with the government of Egypt for their child to travel to Egypt with them. All of this must be done before the family can leave Nigeria.

⇒ How long after filing will I receive an interview date?

It is a good idea to ask your attorney to which office you should request to be itnerviewed. Some offices are booked for a year. Some have shorter wait times.

