

All potential sponsors must submit at least one 1) form of documentation verifying their current address.

Acceptable forms of documentation include original versions of:

- A current lease or mortgage statement dated within the last month before submission of the *Sponsor Application*;
- A valid, unexpired state ID with current address and photo;
- A utility bill, addressed in the sponsor's name and dated within the last month before submission of the *Sponsor Application*;
- A bank statement dated within the last month before submission of the *Sponsor Application*; or
- A payroll check stub issued by an employer, dated within the last month before submission of the *Sponsor Application*.

Proof of Income

ORR considers the following supporting documents for proof of income, to be submitted with the Sponsor Application:

- Previous year's tax return if in the United States during prior year
- Copy of paystubs for at least the past 60 days continuously; **or**
- An original letter from the sponsor's employer verifying their employment and salary information, signed within the past 60 days. The letter must be on company letterhead and contain verifiable contact information for the employer and supervisor. An ORR representative must speak with the supervisor or company Human Resources division to verify the information in the letter.

Proof of Child's Identity

The potential sponsor or child's family must provide the unaccompanied alien child's original birth certificate or a legible full color copy of the child's birth certificate. Federal staff must exhaust all available avenues to verify the authenticity of birth certificates. All efforts and results should be documented in ORR's case management system.

Proof of Sponsor-Child Relationship

The potential sponsor must provide at least one (1) form of evidence verifying the relationship claimed with the child.⁵ Acceptable documents include original versions or legible full color copies of:

- Birth certificates;
- Marriage certificates;
- Death certificates;