

# Citizenship and FEMA Eligibility

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FEMA is committed to helping all eligible disaster survivors recover from Hurricane Nicole, including U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals and qualified aliens.

Disaster survivors in Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia counties may apply for assistance from FEMA's Individuals and Households Program (IHP). You or a member of your household must be a U.S. citizen, noncitizen national or qualified alien.

If you do not meet the status of either U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien, your household may still apply for and be considered for IHP assistance if:

- Another adult member of your household meets the eligibility criteria and certifies their citizenship status during the registration process or signs the Declaration and Release form, or
- The parent or guardian of a minor child who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or a qualified alien applies for assistance on behalf of the child, if they live in the same household. The parent or legal guardian must register as the co-applicant, and the minor child must be under age 18 at the time the disaster occurred.

## Qualified aliens

"Qualified alien" includes:

- A legal permanent resident ("green card" holder).
- An asylee, refugee or an alien whose deportation is being withheld.
- An alien paroled into the U.S. for at least one year.
- An alien granted conditional entry (per law in effect prior to April 1, 1980).
- A Cuban or Haitian entrant.



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- Certain aliens subjected to extreme cruelty or who have been a victim of a severe form of human trafficking, including persons with a “T” or “U” visa.
- Aliens whose children have been abused and alien children whose parent has been abused who fit certain criteria.

## Non-Citizen Nationals

A non-citizen national is a person born in an outlying possession of the U.S. (e.g., American Samoa) on or after the date the U.S. acquired the possession, or a person whose parents are U.S. non-citizen nationals. All U.S. citizens are U.S. nationals; however, not every U.S. national is a U.S. citizen.

## Qualified Minor Children

The parent or guardian of a minor child living in the same household may apply for assistance on behalf of the minor child who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien. The minor child must be under age 18 as of the first day of the incident period, Nov. 7, 2022.

## Resources

See Citizenship and Immigration Status Requirements for Federal Public Benefits for more information in multiple languages at [fema.gov/assistance/individual/program/citizenship-immigration-status](https://fema.gov/assistance/individual/program/citizenship-immigration-status).

If you're unsure of your immigration status, talk to an immigration expert to learn if your status falls within the immigration status requirements for FEMA disaster assistance. Visit [nvoad.org/](https://nvoad.org/) to learn about other voluntary organizations.

## Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov)



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- Call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362. The line is open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET. Help is available in most languages.
- At one of FEMA's [disaster recovery center locations](#)
- The deadline to apply for assistance for loss or damage from Hurricane Nicole is Feb. 13, 2023.

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to, [youtube.com/watch?v= WZGpWI2RCNw](https://youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw).

