



### The Ceremony

A naturalization ceremony is the last step in the process of becoming a U.S. citizen for someone born outside of the United States. The ceremony is where the [Oath of Allegiance](#) is administered.

Many naturalization ceremonies take place at the federal courts located across the country. The ceremonies are open to the public and can be a [great opportunity](#) for civic involvement for individuals and school organizations.



### Get Your Class Involved!

*From [uscourts.gov](#):*

Options for students range from simply observing to taking an active part in the event. Examples include students:

1. Serving as the color guard.
2. Leading the Pledge of Allegiance and/or a patriotic song.
3. Writing and delivering welcome letters to the new citizens at an appropriate time before, during, or after the event.
4. Reading a personal essay related to the occasion.
5. Greeting participants in a receiving line.
6. Presenting the new citizens with flags.
7. Staffing tables with information about jury service, voter registration, and community volunteerism.
8. Conducting podcast interviews with new citizens.
9. Interacting with people from countries whose language they are learning.

### The Process

The naturalization process is controlled by [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#). There are various ways to become a U.S. citizen and finding the right one depends on an individual's situation. There are eligibility requirements and exceptions that may apply.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services created the [Citizenship Resource Center](#) that provides resources and study aides for those considering citizenship and others interested in the topic.

### Naturalization Information around the Fifth Circuit

Louisiana	Mississippi	Texas
<a href="#">Eastern District</a>	<a href="#">Northern District</a>	<a href="#">Eastern District</a>
<a href="#">Middle District</a>		<a href="#">Northern District</a>
<a href="#">Western District</a>		<a href="#">Southern District</a>

Teachers! [Fill out this form](#) to get your classroom involved with a Naturalization Ceremony in your area.