



Consolato Generale d'Italia
Filadelfia

JURE SANGUINIS
RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR PEOPLE OF ITALIAN DESCENT BORN IN
THE USA, OR IN ANOTHER COUNTRY WHERE CITIZENSHIP IS ACQUIRED BY BIRTH
ON ITS TERRITORY

PLEASE NOTE: A person born before 01/01/1948 can claim Italian citizenship only from his/her father, a person born after 01/01/1948 can claim Italian citizenship from either parent (who was not naturalized citizen of another country before his/her child's birth).

PLEASE NOTE: Applications are personal. You need to schedule an appointment to present your application and supporting documentation in person or by mail (according to appointment notes on the Prenotami) to this office.

PLEASE NOTE: As of July 8th, 2014, per the Law n. 66 April 24th, 2014 and modifications Law n. 89 June 23rd, 2014 art. 5-bis, comma 1 all applications for the recognition of the Italian citizenship Jure Sanguinis (by descent) and Jure Matrimoni (for foreign national whose husband is an Italian citizen married prior to April 27, 1983) are subject to the **PAYMENT OF A € 300 FEE** The fee is subject to change depending on the exchange rate, the exact amount in US \$ can be found in the Fee Table (art.7bis). The Office only accepts payment by USPS Money Order, to be paid the day of the appointment. The application fee is **NON REFUNDABLE**, regardless of the outcome of the petition. The fee is for each applicant 18 and older. Please bring one money order per applicant.

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PROCEDURES INDICATED BELOW MAY AFFECT YOUR U.S. CITIZENSHIP, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES.

IN ORDER TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THIS CONSULATE, YOU MUST BE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE CONSULATE OF PHILADELPHIA. (Legal Aliens must submit the Permanent Resident Card). Residents outside the above jurisdiction must present their application and documentation to the Consular Authority under whose jurisdiction they reside.

In order to enable this office to provide proper answers to your applications for Italian citizenship *jure sanguinis*, you must submit your paperwork as described in these instructions.

Unless **ALL** required documents are submitted to this Consulate General of Italy, it will not be possible to start the administrative procedure and give information or explanation on this matter. Applicants are therefore requested to strictly follow the guidelines and gather the complete paperwork before submitting it to this Consulate General. Following the procedure does not grant citizenship, as each case needs to be individually evaluated, but only complete applications may be evaluated.

For documents from Italy write to the "Comune" to request a certificate in "formato internazionale", or in "estratto per riassunto".

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All certificates must be originals or "**CERTIFIED COPY**". "**LONG FORM**" or "**FULL FORM**" OR "**BOOK COPY**" (**not "abstract"**). These certificates may be obtained from the [Office of Vital Statistics](#) of the County or of the State in which the birth/marriage/death took place.

Certificates reporting *only the "County" of birth* **will not be accepted**. You must request that the Vital Statistics Authority states the CITY OR TOWN OF BIRTH.

U.S. Birth/Marriage/Death records must be accompanied by the "**APOSTILLE**" of the [Secretary of State](#) of the State in which the document was issued, (except for the Certificate of Naturalization and/or similar documentation). *The APOSTILLE* is a legalization provided by the Office of the [Secretary of State of the State](#) where the document/certificate is issued (Please note: it is not a stamp on the certificate, it is a separate document issued by the Secretary of State that accompanies the birth/marriage/death certificate.

For marriage certificates, you must obtain a "*certified copy*" of both the marriage license and the marriage certificate.

In the event of a divorce, in addition to submitting the divorce decree, with the Apostille and Italian translation, you must also submit a letter of "No Appeals Pending" prepared by the Court that issued the divorce decree or by a qualified, practicing attorney in the state where the divorce was finalized. This document must also be translated into Italian.

A list of the Secretaries of State offices in this consular territorial jurisdiction is attached.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

If you have children that are minor you must also submit a certified copy of their birth certificate/s, with the "Apostille" of the Secretary of State. You must submit a certified copy of your marriage certificate with "Apostille". If your marriage certificate lacks information such as dates and places of birth and previous marriages, you must also obtain a certified copy of the marriage application/license. **If you have adult children who** want to be recognized as Italians, they must apply individually.

Vital Records in languages other than Italian, birth, marriage, death certificates must be professionally translated into Italian. Documents that do not need to be translated are the U.S. Certificate of Naturalization and any statement regarding information on the naturalization status of the ancestor.

Documents issued in Countries other than the U.S.A. or Italy must comply with the local regulations on the legalization of documents, they must be translated into Italian and the translation certified by the Italian Consulate/Embassy in the Country where the document was issued. To find out how a document should be legalized in its Country of origin you must obtain the information in the website of the competent Italian Consulate/Embassy. A list of all Italian Consulate/Embassies abroad is available at www.esteri.it ("Farnesina" - "Rappresentanze Diplomatiche" - "Ambasciate e Consolati" – Country)

If the names or the dates on the US documents are different from the ones from Italy you must obtain a statement from the Comune in Italy declaring that in the dates referenced in the US documents there was no one born in that town, or for name discrepancy that no one was born in that town with that name.

Discrepancies Check all documents word for word to make sure that there are no discrepancies or changes in the names, last names, dates and places of birth. If there are

discrepancies in last names, dates, ages, and places of birth, these variations or errors must be corrected, either on the certificate by the Office that issued the document or with a document from a Court with a declaration that such document has full legal force in the USA.

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORIGINAL. Please note: Starting October 1st 2012, applicants with relatives that presented documents at other Italian Consulates are required to provide new originals, "Copie Conformi" will no longer be accepted. (Documents of relatives present at the Philadelphia Consulate can still be used).

NOTES FOR CATEGORIES 1 AND 2 BELOW: IF YOUR FATHER OR MOTHER WERE BORN IN ITALY, THEN NATURALIZED AMERICAN UP TO AUGUST 16, 1992 (THEREFORE LOOSING THE ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP), THEN HE/SHE REACQUIRED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP WHILE YOU WERE A MINOR (LESS THAN 18) YOU QUALIFY FOR ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP.

NOTE FOR ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD: ALIEN REGISTRATION CARDS (GREEN CARDS) MUST BE ISSUED AFTER AUGUST 16TH 1992 OR RENEWED AFTER THAT DAY

NOTE: Copies of current Passport and Driver License are required with the application.

NOTE: After the examination of the documents presented with the application, the applicant will be informed if additional documentation or information is required and will be asked to furnish the additional documents without delay.

FORMS REQUIRED: PLEASE DOWNLOAD FROM MAIN PAGE

Modello Multifunzionale

Form 1 APPLICATION FOR ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

Form 2 DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

Form 3 DECLARATION OF LIVING ITALIAN ASCENDANT

Form 4 DECLARATION OF DECEASED ITALIAN ASCENDANT

NOTE: YOU NEED TO HAVE THESE FORMS NOTARIZED IF YOU ARE MAILING THEM IN.

There are many categories of iure sanguinis lines: here are the most common:

Category n. 1: Your father was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth or was born in the United States but he is now Italian and registered at the AIRE.

Category n. 2: Your mother was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth or was born in the United States but she is now Italian and registered at the AIRE, **you were born after January 1st, 1948.**

Category n. 3: Your father was born in the United States, your paternal grandfather was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your father's birth.

Category n. 4: Your mother was born in the United States, your maternal grandfather was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your mother's birth, **you were born after January 1, 1948.**

Category n. 5: Your father was born in the United States, your paternal grandmother was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your father's birth, your father was born **after January 1, 1948..**

Category n. 6: Your mother was born in the United States, your maternal grandmother was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your mother's birth, your mother was born **after January 1, 1948.**

Category n. 7: Your father was born in the United States, your paternal grandmother was born in the United States, your paternal great grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of your paternal grandmother's birth, your father was born **after January 1, 1948..**

Category n. 8: Your mother was born in the United States, your maternal grandmother was born in the United States, your maternal great grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of your maternal grandmother's birth, your mother was born **after January 1, 1948.**

Category n. 9: Your father was born in the United States, your paternal grandfather was born in the United States, your paternal great grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of your paternal grandfather's birth..

Category n.10: Your mother was born in the United States, your maternal grandfather was born in the United States, your maternal great grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of your maternal grandfather's birth, you were born **after January 1, 1948.**

Category n. 1 IF N. 1 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR FATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE from Italy (see note above if born in the U.S.)
- 2) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 3) YOUR FATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address .
- 4) YOUR FATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or his Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card"). If the above is not available, please see all the information in "THE USA NATURALIZATION".
- 5) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANT NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY, LISTING ALL PLACES OF RESIDENCE.
- 7) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 8) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 9) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

IF YOUR FATHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n. 2 IF N. 2 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR MOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE from Italy (see note above if born in the U.S.)
- 2) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 3) YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or her address .
- 4) YOUR MOTHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or her Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card"). If the above is not available, please see all the information in "THE USA NATURALIZATION".
- 5) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANT NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY, LISTING ALL PLACES OF RESIDENCE.
- 7) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 8) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 9) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

YOUR DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE AFTER 01/01/1948 !!

IF YOUR MOTHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n. 3 IF N. 3 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 3) YOUR GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR GRANDFATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or his Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR FATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR FATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 7) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 8) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY
- 10) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 11) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 12) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

IF YOUR GRANDFATHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR FATHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n. 4 IF N. 4 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 3) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or his Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR MOTHER' S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR MOTHER' S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or her address.
- 7) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 8) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY.
- 10) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 11) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 12) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

YOUR DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE AFTER 01/01/1948 !!

IF YOUR GRANDFATHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR MOTHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n. 5 IF N. 5 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 3) YOUR GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or her Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR FATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR FATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 7) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 8) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY
- 10) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 11) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 12) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

YOUR FATHER'S DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE AFTER 01/01/1948 !!

IF YOUR GRANDMOTHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR FATHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n. 6 IF N. 6 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or her address
- 3) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or her Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR MOTHER' S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR MOTHER' S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or her address.
- 7) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 8) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY.
- 10) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 11) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 12) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

YOUR MOTHER'S DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE AFTER 01/01/1948!!

IF YOUR GRANDMOTHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR MOTHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n.7 IF N. 7 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE or his address.
- 3) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or his Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or her address.
- 7) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
- 8) YOUR FATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR FATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 10) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 11) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 12) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY
- 13) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 14) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 15) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

YOUR FATHER'S DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE AFTER 01/01/1948 !!

IF YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n.8 IF N. 8 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE or his address.
- 3) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or his Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.

- 7) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE
- 8) YOUR MOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or her address.
- 10) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 11) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 12) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY
- 13) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 14) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 15) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement. If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

YOUR MOTHER'S DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE AFTER 01/01/1948 !!

IF YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n.9 IF N. 9 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE or his address.
- 3) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or his Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 7) YOUR PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 8) YOUR FATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR FATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.
- 10) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 11) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 12) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY
- 13) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 14) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 15) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement.
If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

IF YOUR PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

Category n.10 IF N. 8 APPLIES TO YOU. YOU MUST OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (from Italy)
- 2) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE or his address.
- 3) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 4) YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION or his Italian passport and permanent resident card ("green card")
- 5) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 6) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or his address.

- 7) YOUR MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
- 8) YOUR MOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 9) YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) or her address.
- 10) YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE
- 11) YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 12) YOUR APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR ASCENDANTS NEVER RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITY
- 13) YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE LICENSE (See note if you have minor children).
- 14) ANY APPLICABLE DIVORCE DECREE/CERTIFICATE
- 15) COPY OF YOUR U.S. PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE , a utility bill or bank statement.
If you are not U.S citizen: copy of your passport and your permanent resident card.

IF YOUR MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN BEFORE YOUR MATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S BIRTH, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (unless you fit into another category).

The instructions above are to be intended as guidelines and do not guarantee citizenship. Each case is different and will be evaluated individually, with particular attention to the uninterrupted line of descent. Additional documents may be asked if necessary.

THE U.S.A. NATURALIZATION

The application to be recognized as an Italian citizen cannot be accepted unless the applicant is in position to prove that the Italian ancestor that was born in Italy has **not** been naturalized in the US before his/her son/daughter's birth and he naturalized after June 14 1912.

You must obtain:

- 1) **If the certificate of naturalization is not available**, you must provide the following:
 - a. **Official statement (in original, not photocopy, and with the Office Seal)** from the US Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington D.C. (425 I Street North West, 2nd Floor, ULLICO Bldg, Washington, DC 20536) AND FROM THE Court County in which he resided, stating the number of the Certificate of Naturalization and the date of his naturalization. The statement must show your Italian ancestor's full name (and any other names he/she went by on any official documents), place of birth and date of birth, date of the naturalization, certificate number; if he never became a US citizen, you have to show his Italian passport and Alien Registration Card.
For additional information please visit:
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>
- OR
- b. **Record from the USCIS Genealogy Program**, 1200 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20529-2206. Follow the procedures on the Genealogy web site www.uscis.gov/genealogy.
- 2) **If the Research shows NO RECORD**:
 - a. If the death certificate shows the Nationality as Italian, no further document is required.
 - b. If the death certificate shows the Nationality as USA or there is no item for Nationality on the death certificate, two Census documents are required, one before and one after the birth date of the son/daughter of the person born in Italy. Furthermore, if the death certificate shows the Nationality as USA, the document must be amended in order to reconcile it with the fact that the person was Italian. If the Census data is not available (Census after 1940), a letter from the Comune in Italy where the person was born is required. The letter should state that the Comune has no record of the person having acquired another Citizenship.

IF YOUR ITALIAN ANCESTOR WENT TO A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE U.S.A. YOU MUST PRESENT THE NATURALIZATION RECORD ISSUED BY THAT COUNTRY. For more information see the website of the competent Italian Consulate/Embassy. A list of all Italian Consulate/Embassies abroad is available at: www.esteri.it ("Farnesina" - "Rappresentanze Diplomatiche" - "Ambasciate e Consolati" – Country).

INFORMATION FOR APOSTILLE REQUESTS:

Secretary of State di New Jersey:

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/apostilles.shtml>

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Secretary of State di Pennsylvania:

http://www.dos.pa.gov/OtherServices/Certifications_Apostilles/

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Secretary of State Maryland

<http://www.sos.state.md.us/Certifications/FAQ.html#steps>

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Secretary of State of West Virginia

<http://www.sos.wv.gov/business-licensing/authentications/>

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Secretary of State of Virginia <https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/official-documents/authentications/>

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Secretary of State of Delaware

<http://sos.delaware.gov/faqs.shtml>

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Secretary of State North Carolina

<https://www.secretary.state.nc.us/authen/aposinfo.aspx>