



Race and Ethnicity Explanations

The instructions for Form I-821D do not include explanations for the best way to respond to the question regarding race and ethnicity. For reference, the category definitions from Form N-400 (Application for Naturalization) are included here.

Categories defined for naturalization purposes:

White: origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa

Asian: origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent

Black or African American: origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa

American Indian or Alaska Native: origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands