

Documentation Requirements-Minor Child

- birth certificate of the child stating the exact place of birth (it is not sufficient if only the county is mentioned on the US birth certificate, a “proof of birth letter” issued by the hospital with the name of the town must then also be provided). Please note that the birth certificate must state the parents' names (“long version”)
- previous passport/child's passport (data page with photo)
- valid residence permit in the US (US Resident Alien Card, US residence visa, US passport, US Certificate of Birth Abroad or US Citizenship Certificate)
- passports of both parents (data page with photo)
- valid residence permit in the US of the German parents (US Resident Alien Card or US residence visa)
- parents' marriage certificate (if parents were married in Germany: “Stammbuch” of the parents)
- proof of the parents' current name usage (i.e. one of the following: German birth certificate, German marriage certificate or if married outside of Germany, certificate of current name usage issued by the registrar’s office in Germany)
- if child was born out of wedlock, proof of acknowledgement of paternity
- Statement of Consent of the absent parent, signature certified by a Notary Public (Exception: Children over 16 years of age who apply for a German ID card only)
Statement of Consent[PDF / 5 KB](#)
- if applicable, certificate about the validity of a name declaration (“Bescheinigung über die Namensführung”)[**Information on Name Declaration**](#)
- if applicable, German Naturalization Certificate
- if applicable, US Naturalization Certificate with **“Beibehaltungsgenehmigung”**
- US driver's license or an utility bill of the parents as proof of residence
- if applicable, deregistration of last place of residence in Germany (“Abmeldebescheinigung”), if it is entered in the last passport
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