

Affidavit For Lawful Presence Verification

As part of your DECAL Scholars application, download and complete this document thoroughly, ensuring accuracy. Sign the completed form in the presence of a notary. Please note that mailed forms or documents will not be accepted. Both the notarized document and your verifiable document must be scanned and uploaded in the "Documents" section of your DECAL Scholars online application.

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a DECAL Scholars program payment (reference O.C.G.A. §50-36-1(a)(3)(A)), I hereby swear and affirm that the following is true and correct with respect to my application for a DECAL Scholars payment from Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

Name of DECAL Scholars Applicant: _____

Section 1: Status and Documentation

Check only ONE of the following options and upload your verifiable document(s) with your DECAL Scholars online application.

Option 1: United States Citizen

I am a United States citizen 18 years of age or older. I verify I am providing a **copy of the front and back** of a **driver's license, passport, birth certificate**, or one of the additional documents listed under O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2 with my application (see page 2 for the full list).

Option 2: Legal Permanent Resident

I am a legal permanent resident of the United States, 18 years of age or older. I verify I am providing a **copy of the front and back** of an **unexpired United States Permanent Resident Card** or **Alien Registration Receipt Card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2] with my application.

My alien registration number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is:

Option 3: Qualified Alien or Non-Immigrant

I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 18 years of age or older. I verify I am providing a **copy of the front and back** of one of the following documents with my application:

- **An unexpired United States Alien Registration Receipt Card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **An unexpired Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph of the bearer** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]. If Employment Authorization Document has expired, Form i797 will also be required.

My alien registration number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is:

Section 2: Applicant Signature in the Presence of a Notary

Do not sign and date this document until you are in the presence of a notary.

In providing the above information under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of state government shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. §16-10-20 and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Applicant Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

Apartment Number (If Applicable)

City

State

Zip Code

Section 3: Notary Signature



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20____

Notary Public Signature: _____

My Commission Expires: ____/____/____

Secure and Verifiable Documents to Be Accepted as Proof of United States Citizenship for DECAL Scholars Programs Under O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2

- **An unexpired driver's license** issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]¹
- **An unexpired United States passport or passport card** [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]
- **An original or certified copy of a birth certificate** issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]
- **A Certificate of Citizenship** issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (Form N-560 or Form N-561) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]
- **A Certificate of Naturalization** issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (Form N-550 or Form N-570) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]
- **Certification of Report of Birth** issued by the United States Department of State (Form DS-1350) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]
- **Certification of Birth Abroad** issued by the United States Department of State (Form FS-545) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]
- **Consular Report of Birth Abroad** issued by the United States Department of State (Form FS-240) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]
- **An unexpired tribal identification card of a federally recognized Native American tribe**, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer. A listing of federally recognized Native American tribes may be accessed at: <https://bia.gov> [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]