

## Citizenship

Has your English Language Learner requested assistance for Citizenship studies? Tutors, before you access the materials and get started on this exciting and tangible goal, please never directly advise your learners to get citizenship. The process is very complex and often there can be extenuating circumstances that can potentially jeopardize a learner's residency status. Please consider these two steps before launching into Citizenship studies.

**Step One:** To determine eligibility, encourage your learner to consult an immigration lawyer or go to the Northwest Immigration Rights Project website to obtain up-to-date information and speak with qualified lawyers who are best able to address any potential roadblocks and concerns. (NWIRP is a very busy, non-profit agency that provides free services, so please be prepared to wait three months for a direct response)  
Northwest Immigration Rights Project: <http://www.nwirp.org>

**Step Two (Study Materials):** Once a learner determines that he/she is ready to work toward attainment of American Citizenship, tutors can access the Goodwill website for step-by-step guidance and instruction. There is excellent information on what to expect during the interview process, current fees, as well as a comprehensive set of study materials. Go to <http://uscitizenshiptest.weebly.com>

The above website is current and was developed in accordance with the USCIS website which is <http://www.uscis.gov> .

There are other online sites. However, please be cautious, as many of those sites charge for outdated materials and advice.

**Citizenship Classes:** If your learner is interested in classes, please contact Sara O'Connor, Program Specialist at the local Sunset branch of Goodwill at 738-0483 or [sara.oconnor@seattlegoodwill.org](mailto:sara.oconnor@seattlegoodwill.org)