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### Benefits and Responsibilities of Becoming A US Citizen

Citizenship is of great importance because it connects all people in the United States. It helps to create equality, freedom, and fairness in a nation. Unlike non-citizens, citizens have the rights to participate in federal elections, and their voice is, therefore, an essential part of governance in the country. Acquiring citizenship through naturalization has defined and shaped the US by ensuring immigrants are in a position to make contributions to democracy (US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)). Citizens are committed to the nation and the Federal government and play many roles and responsibilities.

The US Constitution offers many benefits to the US citizens. Americans should feel free and be ready to make their country prosperous. The following are the advantages of becoming a lawful-permanent US resident:

1. Many states allow US citizens to take part in general elections by voting.
2. A US citizen has the permission to bring the members of his or her family to the nation. He or she can petition to live with his or her family permanently.
3. A US citizen is allowed to obtain citizenship for his or her children even if they were born in a foreign country (USCIS 3).

4. A citizen has a right to travel overseas using a US passport and benefit from the US government while in a foreign country.
5. A US citizen has an eligibility to work for government organizations as US citizenship is mandatory in most of these agencies.
6. US citizenship makes one eligible to become an elected official (USCIS 3).

In addition, the US citizenship provides people with various responsibilities. The following are the duties of all lawfully-permanent residents:

1. A US citizen is responsible for supporting and defending the constitution of the United States.
2. Citizens have a responsibility to take part in the implementation of democratic rules.
3. A US citizen needs to be aware of matters that affect his or her community.
4. He or she should respect and comply with the US rules and regulations (USCIS).
5. A citizen should pay taxes to different jurisdictions in the country.
6. Citizens need to participate in the activities of the local community.
7. They should respect human rights and cultural beliefs, religions, and norms of other people.
8. A US citizen can exercise the jury duty (USCIS 3).

In conclusion, citizenship provides people with an opportunity to exercise their duties and obtain federal benefits. Exercising and respecting responsibilities help Americans to make their nation prosper. The US citizens enjoy such benefits as federal jobs, voting, obtaining citizenship for their children, and using a US passport to travel overseas. They should respect people's culture and rights, pay taxes, obey laws, defend their country, and know issues affecting their society.

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