

Citizenship through...

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of the possibility until now and requested that they please not deprive this child of the possibility of becoming a US citizen just because her family did not know that he could. We got an interview appointment in a week. Mario spent a fortune flying to the US with all three children on a week's notice, but he did it.

The interview was short. The children did not need to say much. The youngest child, who did not know a word in English only had to know his name. The officer reviewed all the documents, smiled a lot and spoke to the children in baby-talk-English, which they didn't understand anyway. We waited for about an hour after the interview and each of the children received a US citizenship certificate with his picture. They will later receive U.S. passports.

It isn't always this easy. There are many variations on this situation and the regulations governing US citizenships are constantly changing. The rules will be different for different situations depending on the law that was in effect at the time each applicant was born. There are some possibilities to obtain citizenship for children even if the US citizen parent passes away - as long as the American grandparent meets all the criteria. There is also a possibility of doing it if the US citizen grandparent passes away, as long as he met the criteria on the date that he died.

In cases where the child is born outside of marriage only the mother can transmit automatic citizenship to her child. A father has to prove paternity through a DNA test and accept parental responsibility of the child before being able to do so.

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Sick Caregiver - Feng Shui Case Study

my suspicion was confirmed. A wave of nausea ran through me. The house smelled musty and moldy and it was hard for me to breathe. I had difficulty concentrating because the discomfort was so strong and had to ask Claire to open the doors and windows. Occasionally, I encounter a "house of sickness" such as Claire's with very heavy yin energy.

"She needed to move her bed away from the windows and out of alignment with the bathroom door - both of which drains her and aligns negative energies with her."

The main door is in the north. I explained to Claire that she belongs to the Western Direction Pattern, and that a north door does not match her. Her personal energies belong to the southwest earth element, and the north door energies belong to the water element, which defeats her.

The southwest relates to her marriage, uterus, and hor-

mones. The dead tree stumps in the north could lead to serious ailment, cancer, or death related to this house and those who live in it. Claire's eyes opened wide, and she gets teary. She soberly told me that she has been diagnosed with uterine cysts and had a stillbirth while living in this house. Since then, her relationship with her husband has been strained and they sleep in separate rooms. Her job as a caregiver exhausts her. Without respite, her health has gone downhill as has her husband's.

Claire also wanted to become licensed and have the opportunity to be promoted to a better position, but she can't seem to get any studying done because of her sickly health. Claire explained that she uses the southeast dining room to study because it has windows and is brighter. However, the southeast room is associated to



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OVER 85% of the nation's schools offer various types of scholarship, granting money to college students based on a host of criteria such as academic merit, financial need, and in some cases, racial or ethnic background. Though the application process can be complicated and redundant between scholarships, there is a great deal of money available for those who are willing to jump through the right hoops and prove their merit and/or need.

How Do I Find Out About Available Scholarships

Your child's high school guidance counselor should have an abundance of information on local scholarships. From there you can move on to the college financial aid office. Many corporations offer college tuition aid or reimbursement to their employees and some offer scholarships to their employees' children. In addition, many religious organizations offer scholarships as

well. Review college financial aid books at your library. Some of them have extensive listings of sources that you can't find elsewhere. Contact both the U.S. Department of Education and your state department of education.

Many books have been written on the application and qualification process which can help guide you through the process. One such book is the As and Bs of Academic Scholarships (Octamaron press; \$7) which lists over 100,000 no-need, or merit-based, awards at 1,200 schools.

Finally, search the Internet. There are many Web sites that have college savings calculators and information on financial aid. Start with the Web site of the college or university you want to attend, as well as local and national banks.

Helpful Tips

- You can significantly reduce the cost of your college experience using some of these helpful tips:
- Plan to spend your first two years at a community college.
- Live at home and commute, where possible.
- Work part-time, particular-

Where to Find Scholarship Opportunities?

ly in your desired field of future employment.

• Join AmeriCorps and earn education awards in return for national service.

• Join the Reserve Officers Training Forces (ROTC); it will pay for tuition, fees, and books and also provides a monthly allowance. You'll have to serve four years as an officer in the military after graduation.

• Work full-time at a company that offers tuition reimbursement.

Take advanced placement courses in high school; convert them into college course credits by scoring sufficiently well on advanced placement exams.

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I recommended that Claire study in the northwest guest room by converting that room into her office. Placing her desk by the window with a solid wall behind her chair will gather promoting energy. The entire house also needed to be checked for mold and properly vented. Ideally, Claire needs to move to a better home.

With every adjustment she is able to do, Claire calls and lets me know how much better she is feeling. Her husband was skeptical at first, but the changes have been positive for him as well. Just the other day, she texted me about how energetic and driven she feels. With her renewed health, she can study better and longer. For the first time in a long while,

Claire feels mentally and physically strong and her life has a new beginning.



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Whiter teeth gives impression of better health

whelming majority (90%) of study respondents viewed the people with whiter teeth as healthier and more attractive, than photos of the same people with duller, less white teeth, regardless of age, sex, or ethnic background. Conducted in conjunction with Custom Research Inc., and research and psychology experts, the study surveyed 200 male and female respondents of various ages and ethnic backgrounds in eight cities in the United States.

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NOISES ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

CSI Professionals looking into the 2 sides of "the Story"

EVERY May 1st of each year, protestors gather in Los Angeles to promote and support immigration reform. This year was no different. Los Angeles's streets were once again filled with protestors rallying for immigration reform. This is their way of reminding President Obama regarding his promise on Immigration Reform.

May Day or International Worker's Day refers to various labor celebrations held every May 1st to commemorate the fight for the "eight hour day". This holiday became an international celebration of the social and economic achievements of the labor movement. People often use May Day as a day of political protest such as pro-immigrant rallies in the United States.

In this year's rally, one unauthorized worker voiced out that she feels it is more necessary now for Immigration reform to take place; but that even if it does come, the more important

concern is the lack of job opportunities.

Meanwhile, undocumented students assembled in displaying anticipation for the approval of the proposed DREAM ACT. This act, if materialized, will make them eligible for internships and job opportunities

"The DREAM ACT, if materialized, will make undocumented students eligible for internships and job opportunities after graduating."

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The DREAM ACT will allow undocumented students to acquire a conditional permanent residency card, if they:

- (1) Arrived in the U.S. when they were 15 years old or less
- (2) Received a U.S. High School diploma or GED
- (3) Has stayed in the U.S. for at least 5 years,

On the other hand, the eligibility for U.S. citizenship will require at least a 2 year college degree or

2 years in military services.

On the other hand, as part of President Obama's plan for immigration reform, the senate conducts immigration reform hearings to discuss the resolution of this reform. Their last hearing was held on April 30th, where they discussed the advantages of the reform with testimonies from distinguished guests.

Alan Greenspan, former Chairman of Federal Reserve, says that unauthorized immigrants have contributed greatly to our economy. Immigrants allow the US to compete globally. "... 2/5's of the science PhD's in our workforce are born abroad - 40% of patents issued to foreign-born. H-1B visas are too few to meet the need, with future economy dealing with retirement of skilled baby boomers" he says.

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