

Proof of Physical Presence Information

Proof of physical presence or residence in the United States that you present with your application must relate to time prior to the birth of the applicant.

Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, school, college or university transcripts, employment, medical, tax records, W-2 forms, salary pay statements, photos, apartment leases and annual Social Security statements. These are merely suggestions, and you are encouraged to submit all available documentary proof.

If no such evidence is available, the consular officer will advise you at the time of your application what alternatives you may have for proving your presence in the United States.

Using the passport stamps as proof of physical presence

If you plan to use your previous passports with the entry/exit stamps we suggest the following tips:

- Please be sure to include all passport stamps on the detail of the DS-2029 form. If the officer concludes that not all of the stamps are on the details your application might be delayed.
- If you have frequent travel to Ecuador, you can request a "**movimiento migratorio**" from the Immigration Office in Ecuador. This will not show you when you were **in** the U.S. but can serve you as a guide on **the dates that don't need to be included on the DS-2029** physical presence detail. We recommend that you bring this movimiento migratorio if you have requested one.