

Child Born Out of Wedlock - DEERS Enrollment

For male sponsors enrolling a Child born out of wedlock, the following documents are required:

1. Court Order (Judicial Determination of Paternity) ~OR~ a Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity ~OR~ an Approved Dependency and Residency Determination (reflecting over 50% support)
2. Child's Certificate of Live Birth letter from U. S. hospital ~OR~ Child's Birth Certificate (Original copy with file number) ~OR~ Consular Report of Birth Abroad (DS Form FS-240) for enrollment/initial issue of ID card
3. Child's Social Security Card (original, not laminated) (Social Security Account Number MUST be presented to DEERS as soon as acquired to prevent suspension of medical coverage for the child)
4. Male Sponsor – Two (2) forms of valid unexpired identification, one form MUST be a photo ID.

For female sponsors enrolling a Child born out of wedlock, following documents are required:

1. Child's Certificate of Live Birth letter from U. S. hospital ~OR~ child's Birth Certificate (Original copy with file number) ~OR~ Consular Report of Birth Abroad (DS Form FS-240) for enrollment/initial issue of ID card
2. Child's Social Security Card (original, not laminated) (Social Security Account Number MUST be presented to DEERS as soon as acquired to prevent suspension of medical coverage)
3. Female Sponsor – Two (2) forms of valid unexpired identification, one form MUST be a photo ID.

Enrollment should be accomplished as soon as possible preferably within 30 days of birth so not to delay acquiring medical appointments for the child. All documents must be original or a true certified copy. For Marines, please ensure you visit the IPAC to update your dependent information prior to visiting the Quantico DEERS/ID Card Center. Service members from other branches of service are also reminded to notify their personnel office of the any change in their child's status as a dependent. Each branch of service may have different requirements for active duty, reserve and retirees; please contact the center for more information.

For initial issue of child's ID, please bring Child's Birth Certificate (Original copy with file number).

For renewal of child's ID, please bring one (1) form of valid unexpired identification.

Note: Children under the age of 10 are not required to be issued an ID card. (Exceptions are if the sponsor is a Single Parent, Dual Military Couple, or the child is residing outside the sponsor's home. ID cards are issued for a period of four years or less.)

Note: Children who are under age 21 who are married or joined active military service are not eligible for benefits under their sponsor parent.