

Step Child – DEERS Enrollment

To enroll a Step Child in DEERS, the following documents are required:

1. Child's Birth Certificate (Original copy with file number) ~OR~ Consular Report of Birth Abroad (original DS Form FS-240)
2. Child's Social Security Card (original, not laminated)
3. Marriage Certificate of sponsor and step child's biological parent (original copy) if not in DEERS
4. Sponsor – Two (2) forms of valid unexpired identification, one form MUST be a photo ID.

Enrollment should be accomplished as soon as possible 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 pertaining to your specific situation. Stepchildren cannot have benefits/entitlements from more than one sponsor.

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.