

Citizenship and FEMA Eligibility

FEMA is committed to helping all eligible Florida households recover from Hurricane Debby, including U.S. citizens, non-U.S. citizen nationals or qualified non-citizens.

You or a member of your household [must be U.S. citizen, non-U.S. citizen national or qualified non-citizen](#) to apply for FEMA assistance. Families with diverse immigration status, including adults who are undocumented, can apply as long as at least one family member is a citizen, non-U.S. citizen national or qualified non-citizen. For instance, if you are undocumented and have a child under 18 who is a U.S. citizen and lived in the household during the time of the disaster, you can apply for FEMA assistance.

A qualified non-citizen includes:

- Legal permanent resident (“green card” holder)
- An asylee, refugee, or a non-citizen whose deportation is being withheld
- Non-citizen paroled into the U.S. for at least one year
- Cuban/Haitian entrant
- Certain non-citizens subjected to extreme cruelty who have been a victim of a severe form of human trafficking, including people with a “T” or “U” visa.

For adults who apply on behalf of a minor child, the child must have a Social Security number and live with the parent or guardian who applies. The parent or guardian will not have to provide any information on their own immigration status or sign any documents regarding their status.

The minor child must be under age 18 as of the first day of the disaster incident period, Aug. 1, 2024.

How to Apply

Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, use the [FEMA App](#), visit a [Disaster Recovery Center](#) or call **800-621-3362** any day. Multilingual operators are available. If you use a relay service, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.



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