



### Acceptable Identification for Domestic Travel

**Purpose:** Wish Families often have questions on proper identification for travel. Below you will find requirements and tips for domestic travel to ensure families feel informed and comfortable with their upcoming trip. If a family is not comfortable with air travel, there are options for driving or taking the train or bus. Note, if a wish involves international travel proof of passports (and resident cards/visa if applicable) are required for all wish participants prior to approval.

#### Travel by Air

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#### Acceptable IDs include:

- U.S. passport
  - U.S. passport card
  - DHS "Trusted Traveler" cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
  - U.S. Military ID (active duty or retired military and their dependents, and DOD civilians)
  - Permanent Resident Card
  - Border Crossing Card
  - DHS-designated enhanced driver's license
  - Drivers Licenses or other state photo identity cards issued by Department of Motor Vehicles (or equivalent)
  - Native American Tribal Photo ID
  - An airline or airport-issued ID (if issued under a TSA-approved security plan)
  - A foreign government-issued passport
  - Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) card
  - Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)
- Non-US/Canadian citizens are not required to carry their passports if they have documents issued by the U.S. government such as Permanent Resident Cards. Those who do not should be carrying their passports while visiting the U.S.
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#### **For Non-US citizens:**

- Per TSA, the **only accepted** form of identification for domestic travel in the US for a non-US citizen is a valid foreign government-issued passport.
  - A) Please note that the airline and TSA do not work for the Immigration Department. TSA's role is verifying the boarding pass matches the acceptable form of ID. However, each passenger travels at his/her own risk.
  - B) If a family has no acceptable form of ID, an alternate form of transportation should be considered or adults will need to apply for passports.
- If you should chose to apply for passports:
  - A) It will be the responsibility of each participant to make their own passport application appointment at the appropriate embassy and obtain the required documents necessary (i.e. birth certificate and/or proof of citizenship to their native country) to complete their application.
  - B) Should the Consulate be booked and the family unable to secure an appointment in a timely fashion, Make-A-Wish is able to try to accelerate the appointment process by submitting a letter expressing the unique nature of the Wish request and time frames; however, there is no guarantee the request will be granted.
  - C) If this application process were to cause a financial burden on the family, Make-A-Wish will reimburse the family for the passport application fee when an original receipt is



submitted to the office. The alternative is for the Make-A-Wish office to provide the family with a check issued to the specific country's Consulate to cover the application fee if they cannot cover these expenses upfront.

- D) Once the application has been submitted, proof of application and/or a copy of the passport's photo page must be submitted for each adult participant in order to submit the wish for approval.

### TVDL

- Illinois law allows non-visa status individuals to obtain a Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL).
- Valid for driving only.
- A TVDL is marked "Not valid for identification."
- TVDL does NOT allow the holder to board an airplane
- *Other states must decide individually whether to accept Illinois TVDLs. Anyone planning to drive in another state should check whether that state accepts TVDLs.*



### Travel by Car

- An adult participant with a valid driver's license must accompany the wish family on their trip. Make-A-Wish will approve an additional adult participant if there is not an approved participant with a valid driver's license.
- It is encouraged that all adult participants travel with some form of identification (matricula, foreign government issued passport or state ID).
- Make-A-Wish will rent the family a car or the family can drive their own if they prefer.

### Travel by Train

- Per Amtrak, the only accepted form of identification for domestic travel in the US by train for an undocumented adult is an official government-issued form of identification (federal, state or foreign government).
- To be valid, your identification must be current and in-force.
- The following forms of identification are acceptable for persons 18 and older:
  - One piece of photo identification issued by a government authority (see below), or
  - Two pieces of identification, at least one of which is issued by a government authority

When requiring members of the public to provide identification, each State agency and officer and unit of local government shall accept a consular identification document as valid identification of a person

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### **Examples of acceptable forms of photo ID include:**

State or provincial driver's license

Passport

Official government-issued identification (federal, state or county government, or foreign government)

Canadian provincial health card ID card with photo

Military photo ID

Student identification (university, college or high school photo ID)

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**Travel by Bus**

- The accepted form of identification to travel by bus is a current valid photo ID.
- Each passenger must present a ticket and a current valid photo ID at the time of boarding. The passenger's ID must match the name on the ticket.
- Make-A-Wish will purchase bus tickets and provide printed tickets to the family.

**Additional Resources**

Air: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>

Train: <http://www.amtrak.com/passenger-identification>

Bus: <http://www.greyhound.com/en/help/printathome.aspx>