Citizenship Day (September 17) is the day of the year when naturalization ceremonies take place. The ceremony is the last step in the process of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States.

The ceremony takes place in a federal building or courthouse and lasts about one hour. Participants are sworn in as citizens and receive their certificates of naturalization.

To become a naturalized citizen, you must:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements for naturalization.
2. Complete and file Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.
3. Pass a background check.
4. Pass a civics test.
5. Attend a naturalization ceremony.

The process can take several months, and there is a filing fee of $725.

For more information, visit www.wanewamericans.org or call 1-877-WA-NEWCITIZEN (1-877-926-3924).