***Applying for a Passport***

*A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer.  A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries, and only the U.S. Department of State has the authority to grant, issue and verify United States passports.©*

**Check out the following links to the U.S. Department of State:**

[**Passport Home Page**](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html):**http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\_1738.html**

**[Passport Application :](http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html%22%20%5Co%20%22Application%20for%20Passport)** http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11\_842.html

**To apply for or renew a U.S. passport:**

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|  | 1. Complete a passport application.  All information must be accurate.  Do NOT sign the application form until the Passport Acceptance Agent instructs you to do so.
2. Apply in person at a Passport Application Acceptance Office.  The nearest locations to ONU is the Kankakee U.S. Post Office (475 E. Court St) or the Kankakee County Clerk’s Office (189 E. Court St) Other locations can be found at <http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>
3. You will need an original or certified copy of your birth certificate or a previous passport.  If you can't locate your birth certificate, contact the county recorder's office in the city of your birth or access [www.vitalcheck.com](http://www.vitalcheck.com/) online and request a certified copy.
4. Include two passport-style photos.  These can be taken in passport office for $8 or Walgreens.
5. Bring your driver's license or state ID.
6. Passport application and execution fee totals $97.  Payment methods: Credit Card, Debit/Check Cards, and Checks (personal, certified, or cashiers' )
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