

OFFICE DIRECTORY · TUSCALOOSA

Official Offices and Appointments in Tuscaloosa: 2026 Guide

We publish no federal street address and no court name. On the passport side, though, this city has two real doors.

SHORT ANSWER

This guide deliberately omits some addresses and we say why plainly: **the pages of the immigration agency, the enforcement unit, the customs agency and the social security administration were closed on every route tried in this round**, and publishing a federal address out of an old archive is exactly the mistake that sends people on a wasted trip. **The only correct sentence is this: the address you go to is the address on your appointment notice.** On the court side the answer is shorter still: **Alabama has no immigration court**, your hearing is held in another state, and **we could not determine from the federal agency's own list which court has jurisdiction**, so **this guide names no court at all**. On the passport side, by contrast, this city has two real doors and we give both of them with their addresses.

The immigration agency: not an address, a type of office

ITEM	WHERE FROM
Field office	Green card and citizenship interviews happen here. Directory: uscis.gov field offices
Biometrics center	Fingerprints and photographs happen here, and it is not the same place as the field office . Directory: uscis.gov application support centers
Appointments	No walk-in service. Appointments are arranged through the Contact Center . Toll-free: 1-800-375-5283. Intermediary sites that charge for an appointment are a scam
Choosing the biometrics center	You do not choose it: which center you go to is stated on the I-797C notice
Case status	Your online account . Biometrics centers give no information about your case
Processing times	On the processing times page , select the form, the category and the office holding your case

- **Do not assume the center nearest your mailing address. Whether your appointment may be assigned to a center out of state could not be verified in this round**, and in this state that is not a formality: as you will see below, **traveling out of state is a real possibility**.
- **If your class schedule conflicts with an appointment, the appointment comes first.** A missed biometrics appointment delays the case and in some situations leads to it being treated as abandoned.

- **Do not confuse three agencies:** the immigration agency and the enforcement unit are part of the homeland security department, while **the immigration courts are a separate agency under the justice department.** The agency will not answer what you ask the court, and the court will not answer what you ask the agency.

THE COURT: NONE IN THE STATE, AND WHICH ONE HAS JURISDICTION COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

- The federal agency's own court list orders courts by the city they sit in, and **no Alabama city appears in the list's city index.** So a hearing for someone here is held **in another state.**
- **The list ties a case to jurisdiction rather than distance:** which cases a court keeps the record for is ordered by **the federal office that issued the charging document** and by particular detention facilities. Courts in neighboring states describe their own areas open-endedly as **and sub-offices;** another one's parenthetical state list **does not include Alabama.**
- **The result: a court cannot be derived from geography,** and we name none. **The only correct instruction: read the notice sent to you; it names the court and the address.**
- **We print three contradictions and resolve none of them.** One Alabama detention facility appears in one column of the federal list under a court in one state, and in another column as the hearing location of a court in a different state. The same list prints the name of one Alabama city **with a letter missing.** And one record is printed **with no state; we assign no location.**
- **And a naming trap:** the federal list contains **facilities carrying Alabama place names that are in another state.** Do not assume a record concerns you because a name looks familiar.

If you are going to court: the agency's own rules

- **Faxes and unauthorized electronic filings are not accepted.** In the agency's own words, unless staff or the judge specifically asked for them, these submissions are **not entered into the record and are discarded without notice to the sender.** That is a real way to lose a filing.
- **There is a security screening at every visit:** metal detector and bag check, you may be asked to remove your shoes, no food or drink except where the judge allows it, and **cameras and recording devices are prohibited.**
- **Hearings are open to the public** and, in the agency's own words, no advance notice is needed for your visit.
- **Attorneys and accredited representatives must register in the agency's own registry system.** Check that the person representing you is registered.
- **Do not underestimate the travel plan.** Because your hearing will be in another state, getting there may not be a single day's work. **We publish no distance or driving time;** plan the trip from the address on your notice. This city has one option the others do not: **its own passenger rail station,** but **one round trip a day.**
- **Case status:** your A-number is enough for the [case information system](#), and the telephone line is 1-800-898-7180. The official information is still the hearing notice. **Check for closures on the morning of your hearing** on the [agency's operational status page](#); in this state severe weather can close offices during the day.
- **No immigration enforcement or customs office address, telephone number or name is published in this guide.** Confirm check-in locations on the [agency's own check-in page](#).

- **Your entry record and its errors:** you can download the I-94 for your most recent entry from [the customs agency's site](#). Errors such as the wrong visa class, the wrong name or the wrong period of stay are corrected by the offices called deferred inspection sites. **Which office covers Tuscaloosa, and its hours, could not be verified**, so we write no address and no day; read the list on [the agency's own page](#) and **write first, travel second**. If you went home over the summer and came back, **each entry creates a new record**; download it and check it on your return.

Passport acceptance: two doors in this city

First a distinction: an **acceptance facility** can be a post office, a library, a court clerk's office or a university unit, and it takes in and forwards a **routine or expedited** application. A **passport agency** is a completely separate network, for **urgent travel** and by appointment. **The nearest passport agency could not be verified in this round** and we write no agency name, city or distance; get the current list from [the federal agency's own site](#).

FACILITY	THE FEDERAL FILE'S OWN NOTE AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW
The county court clerk's office 714 Greensboro Ave, Room 214, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 205-464-8260	The federal file's own note says walk-in service weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and gives a separate line: 205-464-8259. The payment method and any local execution fee could not be verified in this round , so we do not write them; another counter read in this state does not accept the federal fee by card, so ask about the payment method by phone before you go
The university's acceptance unit 325 Kirkbride Ln, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 205-348-2054	The federal file's own note: walk-ins accepted, appointments also available online, and photocopying, photographs and mailing are provided on site, with no appointment needed . So your chances of finishing in one stop are higher here. Confirm the hours from the unit's own page rather than the federal file

SEARCH BY ZIP CODE, NOT BY CITY NAME

- **In the federal acceptance facility file, the postal city of a facility may not show its real location.** There is a measured example of this in this state: a facility listed under another city's postal name turned out, through a federal location service, to sit **inside a different municipality's limits**. So **the envelope shows neither authority nor location**.
- **The result in a reader's real life:** someone searching by their own city name can miss a facility close to them. **A ZIP code removes that error.** Confirm the facility on [the agency's own finder](#).
- **Some fields in the federal file are printed incomplete.** The telephone field of one record in this state is **incomplete** and carries only six digits. That record is not in this city but it can turn up in a search; **we do not complete an incomplete number**.
- **Do not rely on the federal file's hour codes alone.** In one example measured in this state the file and the institution's own page show the same hours, but **only the institution's own page explains which days are by appointment and which are walk-in**.
- **We publish no fee figures**, because both the federal fee and local execution fees change. **Language:** one of the Alabama acceptance facilities read in this round publishes its help notes **in Spanish as well; no Turkish material was found at any of them**. We do not say there is none.

Going to the application

- **A first passport is applied for in person.** Form DS-11 is filled in but **not signed**; you sign it in front of the official. The **original** of the citizenship document is taken and surrendered during the process; it comes back with the passport.
- **Identification and a photocopy:** the original and a photocopy of your photo identification are required. Per the notes read this round the university unit provides the photocopy and the photograph on site; **ask the court clerk's office about this in advance**.
- **For a child's application**, both parents must attend or the consent document the agency requires must be produced.

Voter registration and jury summons

- **Voter registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only**, green card holders included. Registering or voting without being a citizen can have serious consequences for your immigration file and is also a crime.
- **And a warning specific to this city:** at start-of-term events, at dorm entrances or at street tables, **a voter registration form may be handed to you** and the volunteer may tell you it will not be a problem. **Do not fill it in**. A form signed at a club event is a real application too.
- **Read the box on forms.** If a license, identification card or public service application contains a voter registration section, signing that section counts in most states as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen**. **How a license application is linked to voter registration in this state could not be verified from an official source**; do not sign a section you do not understand.
- **On the jury side we say what we do not know:** the public records from which the state builds its jury master list could not be verified, so we do not know whether license or voter records feed into it, and **we make no claim in either direction**.

- **If a summons arrives:** do not ignore the letter. **Use the number on your letter, not a general number.** In this city the address stays within one county, but the letter can come **from a county court or from a federal court** and the procedures are not the same; read which one it is **from the letter itself, not the envelope.** **If you have moved, the summons may have gone to your old address;** in a university town this happens often.

Two last sentences. First: **we publish no address is not the same as there is no office;** the address is on your appointment notice and in the agency's own office finder. Second: **missing a hearing date can lead to a removal order in absentia;** if you have received a hearing notice, speak to an attorney right away.



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