



APPLICANT FAQs - SPONSORSHIP

Q: What is a Sponsor?

A sponsor is the individual who substantiates the need for a PIV credential to be issued to an Applicant, enters the Applicant's required sponsorship data elements into the system, and remains aware of the Applicant's status and continuing need for holding a PIV credential. For Employees this is usually someone in HR; for Contractor Employees this may be the COR, COTR, or other designated program official.

Q: How do I know who my Sponsor is?

Your sponsor will be listed in the email you receive from USAccess informing you that you have been sponsored and can schedule an enrolment appointment. If your email says your Sponsor is Rick Holman, please visit the "[Agency Contacts](#)" page on the USDA LincPass website to find the main sponsor POC for your agency.

Q: How do I update my information in eAuthentication?

In order to update in e-Authentication (Business Email and Phone number), an email will be sent to you by your sponsor containing the e-Authentication link along with a user name and password. Please read the directions in the email and follow the prompts in the e-Authentication link in order to update your information.

Q: What do I do if my information in my Enrollment notice is incorrect?

Contact your HR Representative/Sponsor to have them update your information before enrolling. This may include you submitting an SF-52 form to HR in order to have your name changed. Your enrollment notice email should list your sponsor, however if it lists "Rick Holman" as your sponsor, please contact your Sponsor POC as listed on the "[Agency Contacts](#)" page of the USDA LincPass website.

Q: Can I use a nickname for my LincPass?

If both your sponsorship information and your IDs that you present for enrollment both show your nickname, then you can use it.

Q: Can I use my maiden name as my middle name?

If your sponsorship information does not list your maiden name as your middle name but your ID shows your maiden name as your maiden name, you may bring your marriage certificate to Enrollment. In this case you do not need to change your name in your sponsorship information.

Q: What if my ID does not contain a middle name?

You can still enroll if your ID does not contain a middle name but your sponsorship information does (or vice versa).

Q: When will I be Sponsored?

USDA is rolling out the LincPass in phases throughout the US as more Enrollment Stations open in order to minimize travel times. As more stations open, Sponsors will begin sponsoring Employees near those stations. If you have not been sponsored yet, please be patient.

Q: How do I know when I have been sponsored?

You will receive an email from USAccess (hspd12admin@eds.com) informing you that your sponsorship is complete and that you can enroll. If you do not receive this email contact your Sponsor for your status.
