

What Documents Are Required for Delta Airlines Unaccompanied Minor Travel?

Delta UM Document Checklist — ID Requirements, Gate Pass Paperwork, Drop-Off and Pickup Forms, International Papers and Complete Packing List

For Delta UM document requirements, call:

■ **Delta UM Document Help — 24/7: +1-844-994-3876**

■ **International Delta UM Documents: +1-844-213-9506**

■ **Delta SkyMiles — Child Account: +1-844-994-3876**

Arriving at the airport for Delta Airlines unaccompanied minor travel without the right documents can result in denied boarding, delays, and significant stress for both parent and child. This complete checklist covers every document required — from the dropping-off adult's government photo ID for the Delta gate pass to the pickup adult's identity verification at the destination, plus all special international documentation for Delta UM travelers. Print this checklist before your child's Delta UM travel day. For document questions, call **+1-844-994-3876** (24/7).

What Paperwork and ID Does Delta Need for a Child Flying Alone? Delta requires the following for unaccompanied minor travel: the child's government-issued photo ID or passport (for international Delta flights), the dropping-off adult's government photo ID for the Delta gate pass, a completed Delta UM form with both adults' contact information and the pickup adult's legal name and ID type, and the Delta UM service confirmation number. Bring all documents to the Delta check-in counter. Call +1-844-994-3876 for questions.

The Delta UM form is completed at the airport check-in counter — Delta provides the form during the check-in process. However, having all information pre-gathered (both adults' full legal names, phone numbers, relationship to child, and government ID types) speeds the process significantly. The dropping-off adult must remain at the airport until the child's Delta flight has departed — they receive a gate pass to escort the child through security to the gate.

Step 1. Gather the **child's photo ID**: passport for international Delta flights; school ID or birth certificate for domestic Delta flights.

Step 2. Bring **your own government photo ID** (driver's license, passport, or state ID) — required for the Delta security gate pass.

Step 3. Have the **Delta booking confirmation** ready — the 6-character PNR code from your Delta booking email.

Step 4. Write down the **pickup adult's information**: full legal name (as on their government ID), phone number, relationship to child, and ID type.

Step 5. Know the **emergency contact** information — a third person Delta can reach if neither registered adult is available.

Step 6. For **international Delta UM flights**: add a valid passport, notarized consent letter, and any destination-specific documents.

Step 7. Arrive at the **Delta staffed check-in counter** (not kiosk) — the agent provides the UM form and processes all documents.

■ **Delta UM Check-In Documents — 24/7: +1-844-994-3876**

What Does the Dropping-Off Adult Need to Bring to the Delta Airport Check-In?

The dropping-off adult must bring to the Delta check-in counter: their own government-issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, or state ID) for the TSA security gate pass, the child's ID or passport, the Delta UM booking confirmation PNR number, and complete contact information for the pickup adult at the destination including their full legal name. The dropping-off adult must stay at the airport until the Delta flight departs. Call +1-844-994-3876.

- **Government photo ID:** Required for the Delta TSA gate pass — without it, you cannot escort the child through security.
- **Child's ID or passport:** Passport mandatory for international Delta flights; school ID or birth certificate for domestic.
- **Delta booking PNR:** The 6-character confirmation code from the Delta booking email.
- **Pickup adult's legal name:** Must match their government ID exactly — middle names, suffixes, and hyphens included.
- **Pickup adult's phone number:** Active and reachable throughout the child's Delta travel day.
- **Pickup adult's ID type:** Driver's license, passport, or state ID — specify which they will present at the Delta destination.

What ID Does the Pickup Adult Need to Collect the Child at the Delta Destination?

The pickup adult at the Delta destination must present a government-issued photo ID — driver's license, passport, or state ID — that matches the name registered on the Delta UM form exactly. Delta staff compare the ID against the UM file before releasing the child. The pickup adult must be the

specific person named during Delta UM booking — no substitutions without advance authorization from +1-844-994-3876.

ID verification at the Delta destination is the airline's strongest safety measure for UM passengers. The pickup adult's name on their ID must match the name provided during Delta UM booking exactly — including middle names, suffixes, and hyphenated names. If the pickup adult's legal name differs from what was registered (married name vs maiden name, for example), call +1-844-994-3876 before the child's Delta flight to update the record. A name mismatch at the destination delays the child's release until Delta verification is completed.

What Is the Delta UM Form and When Is It Completed? The Delta UM form is a multi-part document completed at the Delta airport check-in counter on the day

of travel. It collects: the child's personal information, both the dropping-off and pickup adults' full legal names and phone numbers, emergency contact information, and any medical or allergy notes for the child. One copy stays with the child throughout the Delta journey; one is retained by Delta. Call +1-844-994-3876 for form questions.

The Delta UM form serves as the child's identification and care document throughout the entire Delta journey. Delta flight crew receive a copy and use it to monitor the child during the flight. Delta ground handlers at connecting airports use it to verify the child's identity and next flight. At the destination, the pickup adult's ID is verified against the Delta form before the child is released. Completing the form accurately is critical — particularly the pickup adult's legal name, which must match their government photo ID character-for-character.

■ International Delta UM Documents — Confirm: +1-844-213-9506

Does the Child Need Their Own Photo ID for Domestic Delta UM Travel?

For domestic Delta UM travel, children under 18 are not legally required by TSA to have a photo ID.

However, Delta recommends having identification available — a school ID, passport, or state-issued ID — for smooth processing at the Delta check-in counter. A birth certificate serves as alternative identification for younger children on domestic Delta flights. For international Delta UM travel, a valid passport is always required. Call +1-844-994-3876.

TSA allows children under 18 to fly domestically without photo ID — but having identification available prevents potential delays if questions arise at the Delta check-in counter or TSA security. For children old enough to have a school ID with photo and date of birth, bringing it simplifies the Delta UM check-in process. A valid passport is the best identification for any child — it works for both domestic and international Delta travel and eliminates any ambiguity at the airport.

What Additional Documents Are Needed for International Delta UM Travel?

International Delta UM travel requires additional documents beyond the domestic checklist: a valid passport (often 6 months validity required for entry), potentially a notarized parental consent letter (required by many countries for unaccompanied minors arriving on Delta flights), a visa if the destination requires one, and sometimes an unabridged birth certificate. Call +1-844-213-9506 at least 72 hours before travel for your specific destination's requirements.

- **Valid passport:** Required for all international Delta UM travel — check the expiry date; many countries require 6 months validity beyond the travel date.
- **Notarized parental consent letter:** Required by Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, and many other countries for Delta unaccompanied minor arrivals.
- **Visa:** Required for destinations that mandate visas for the child's nationality — apply well in advance of Delta UM travel.
- **Unabridged birth certificate:** Required by South Africa and some other nations — must be the full original, not a short-form copy.
- **Return ticket confirmation:** Some countries require proof of return Delta travel before allowing entry.
- **Receiving adult's information:** Name, address, and phone number of the adult meeting the child at the international destination.

Can the Dropping-Off Adult Be Someone Other Than the Child's Parent?

Yes — the dropping-off adult for a Delta unaccompanied minor does not need to be the child's parent. Any responsible adult age 18 or older who has the child's travel documents and their own government photo ID can drop off the child at the Delta check-in counter. The adult's name, phone number, and relationship to the child are recorded on the Delta UM form. Call +1-844-994-3876 to confirm.

Common non-parent drop-off adults for Delta UM include: grandparents, aunts and uncles, family friends, nannies, and school administrators. The key requirements are: the adult must be 18+, must have their own valid government photo ID for the Delta gate pass, must know the pickup adult's complete details for the Delta UM form, and must remain at the airport gate until the child's Delta flight departs. No formal authorization from the parent is required for the dropping-off adult role.

What Happens If I Forget a Required Document on Delta UM Travel Day?

If you arrive at the Delta airport missing a required UM document, Delta may deny the child boarding until the document is provided. For domestic Delta UM travel, the most critical documents are the booking confirmation and both adults' government IDs. For international Delta UM travel, a missing passport results in automatic denial. Call +1-844-994-3876 immediately from the airport if you are

missing any document — agents may advise on alternatives.

Step 1. If missing the **Delta booking PNR**: check your email on your phone for the Delta confirmation, or call +1-844-994-3876 — agents look it up by passenger name.

Step 2. If missing **your own photo ID** (drop-off adult): you cannot get the Delta gate pass without government photo ID. Return home to retrieve it.

Step 3. If missing the **child's passport** (international Delta flight): boarding is automatically denied. The child cannot fly internationally without a valid passport.

Step 4. If missing the **pickup adult's information**: call the pickup adult immediately to get their full legal name, phone, and ID type before completing the Delta UM form.

Step 5. If the **child has no ID** (domestic Delta flight): TSA allows children under 18 without ID for domestic flights — the Delta agent may accept a birth certificate or verbal confirmation.

Step 6. Prevention: use this checklist the night before and pack all documents in **one folder** for Delta UM travel day.

What Medical Information Should I Include on the Delta UM Form? The Delta UM form includes a section for medical and allergy information about the child. List any food allergies (especially nut allergies), medication requirements, medical conditions (asthma, diabetes, epilepsy), and whether the child carries medication such as an EpiPen or inhaler. This information is shared with the Delta flight crew and UM supervisors at each airport. Call +1-844-994-3876 to discuss special medical accommodations for Delta UM travel.

Providing thorough medical information on the Delta UM form protects the child throughout the journey. If the child has a severe peanut allergy, Delta crew members may adjust snack service. If the child carries an inhaler, crew members are aware and can assist if needed during the flight. For children with chronic conditions requiring medication during the Delta flight, pack the medication in the child's carry-on bag with clear labeling and notify the crew during pre-boarding.

Does Delta Provide a Gate Pass Receipt After UM Check-In? After completing Delta UM check-in, the dropping-off adult receives: a TSA gate pass for escorting the child through security, a copy of the completed Delta UM form, and the child's boarding pass. Keep the UM form copy as your record of the Delta UM service registration including the pickup adult's name and emergency contacts. The child carries their own copy of the UM form throughout the Delta journey. Call +1-844-994-3876 for questions.

The Delta gate pass allows the dropping-off adult to clear TSA security without a boarding pass — present it at the TSA checkpoint along with your government photo ID. At the Delta departure gate, the gate agent takes custody of the child and confirms the UM form details. The dropping-off adult waits at the gate until the Delta flight departs. After departure confirmation, the gate pass remains valid for

exiting the secure area of the airport.

What Is the Delta Phone Number for UM Document Questions?

Call Delta Airlines at +1-844-994-3876 (24/7) for all domestic Delta UM document questions, form assistance, and check-in guidance. For international Delta UM documentation requirements including consent letters, passports, and country-specific paperwork, call +1-844-213-9506. Have your Delta booking PNR and the child's date of birth ready when calling. Delta UM service must be booked by phone — it cannot be added online.

When calling +1-844-994-3876 for Delta UM document help, say: 'I need to verify what documents I need for my child's Delta unaccompanied minor flight.' The agent walks through the complete checklist for your specific Delta route — domestic or international. For international routes, the agent transfers to +1-844-213-9506 if country-specific expertise is needed. Call at least 48 hours before Delta UM travel to ensure enough time to gather any documents you do not yet have.

Should I Give My Child a Copy of Their Delta Travel Documents? Yes —

give the child a folder or envelope containing copies of key Delta travel documents: the booking confirmation PNR, the pickup adult's name and phone number, your own contact information, and for international travel a copy of the passport information page. The child should keep this in their carry-on bag as backup information during their Delta UM journey. Call +1-844-994-3876 for additional preparation tips.

While Delta staff have all UM information in their system, giving the child a physical document folder provides backup security and peace of mind. For younger children (ages 5-8), place the folder inside the carry-on bag rather than handing it to them to hold. For older children (ages 9-14), they can carry the folder and know to show it if asked. This is particularly useful for connecting Delta flights where multiple ground handlers interact with the child.

Do I Need to Provide Proof of Relationship to the Child for Delta UM?

Delta does not require proof of relationship (such as a birth certificate or custody documents) from the dropping-off adult for domestic Delta UM travel — any adult 18+ can drop off any child. However, for international Delta UM travel, some destination countries require proof of the parental relationship through a birth certificate or court custody order, especially when the consent letter is signed by one parent only. Call +1-844-213-9506 for international requirements.

The distinction between Delta's domestic and international requirements is important: domestically, Delta's primary concern is proper identification of both the drop-off and pickup adults — not their relationship to the child. Internationally, destination country immigration authorities may require proof of relationship, particularly to prevent international child custody violations. For separated or divorced parents sending a child internationally on Delta UM, having custody documents and a signed consent

letter from the other parent prevents complications at immigration.

Delta UM Document Checklist — Domestic vs International

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Child's photo ID	Recommended (not required by Delta)	
Drop-off adult's photo ID	REQUIRED (for Delta gate pass)	REQUIRED (for Delta gate pass)
Pickup adult's photo ID destination	REQUIRED (for child release)	REQUIRED (for child release)
Delta booking confirmation (PNR)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Delta UM form		Completed at Delta check-in counter
Notarized parental consent letter	Not required	Required by many countries
Visa	Not applicable	If destination country requires one
Unabridged birth certificate	Optional	Required by some countries

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What documents do I need for Delta unaccompanied minor travel? A: Domestic: child's ID (recommended), dropping-off adult's government photo ID, Delta booking PNR, and pickup adult's legal name and ID info. International: add a valid passport, notarized parental consent letter (many countries), and any required visa or birth certificate. Call +1-844-994-3876 for domestic or +1-844-213-9506 for international Delta UM.

Q: What ID does the pickup adult need to collect the child from Delta? A: A government-issued photo ID matching the name registered on the Delta UM form exactly. Name mismatches delay the child's release until Delta verification is completed. If the pickup adult's name differs from what was registered, call +1-844-994-3876 before the Delta flight to update the record.

Q: Does the drop-off adult need to be a parent for Delta UM?

A: No — any responsible adult 18 or older with valid government photo ID can drop off the child at Delta. Their name, phone number, and relationship to the child are recorded on the Delta UM form. They must stay at the gate until the Delta flight departs.

Q: What if I forget a document on Delta UM travel day?

A: Delta may deny the child boarding until the document is provided. For domestic Delta UM, the

critical items are the booking PNR and both adults' IDs. For international Delta UM, a missing passport means automatic denial. Call +1-844-994-3876 from the airport for immediate assistance.

Q: What is the Delta phone number for UM document questions?

A: Call +1-844-994-3876 (24/7) for domestic Delta UM documents and +1-844-213-9506 for international requirements. Call at least 48 hours before Delta UM travel to ensure time to gather any missing documents.

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