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You've been accepted at the college of your choice. You're thinking about the courses you

The visa process step by step:

Step One: You must have a valid I-20, which your college will send you after you have be

Is your name spelled correctly and in the same form as it appears in your passport?

Is the other information correct - date and country of birth, degree program, reporting da

Is it signed by a college official?

Has the reporting date ("student must report no later than") passed? (the I-20 expires an

Step Two: If your I-20 is valid, you're ready to apply for the visa. In order to issue your vis

First, are you a bona fide student?

The officer will ask about your educational background and plans in order assess how like

Second, is your sponsor financially capable?

Visa requirements differ from country to country, but generally host governments want a

Your chances are improved if your parents are sponsoring your education. If anyone other

Provide solid evidence of your sponsor's finances. This assures the Consular Officer that a

Third, are your ties to home so strong that you will not want to remain permanently in the

Laws generally state that you must demonstrate sufficient economic, family, and social ti

Economic ties: These include your family's economic position, property you may own or s

Family and social ties: How many close family members live in your home country, comp

And if you're refused a visa?

If your application is refused, the Consular Officer is required to give you an explanation i

If you have given careful thought to your educational goals and if you have reasonable ca

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