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#### Useful Visa Tips

The most important thing to keep in mind is that when a student is applying for a visa, he

In other words, the consular officer views the student as a potential immigrant and it is u

While applying for a visa, it's important to:

Project an image of maturity and independence: look the interviewer in the eye and speak

Explain very clearly why they chose to enter such-and-such program and why it is necessary

When possible underscore what plans the student has upon returning home. Many of us c

Ten Points to Remember When Applying for a Non-immigrant Visa:

TIES TO HOME COUNTRY. Under U.S. law, all applicants for non-immigrant visas are viewe

ENGLISH. Anticipate that the interview will be conducted in English and not in your native

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. Do not bring parents or family members with you to the interview

KNOW THE PROGRAM AND HOW IT FITS YOUR CAREER PLANS. If you are not able to articu

BE CONCISE. Because of the volume of applications received, all consular officers are un  
SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION. It should be clear at a glance to the consular officer w  
NOT ALL COUNTRIES ARE EQUAL. Applicants from countries suffering economic problems  
EMPLOYMENT. Your main purpose of coming to the United States should be to study, not  
DEPENDENTS REMAINING AT HOME. If your spouse and children are remaining behind in  
MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. Do not engage the consular officer in an argument. If yo

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