

Friends,

Here are some of the visa experiences(33) which i have collected..
Hope it helps u..

ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR VISA.

Regards,

ramesh.

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VISA EXPERIENCES

Experience 1:

Amit's profile: GRE-2030 TOEFL-617 University : Virginia Tech Stream-IE

Interviewer: please show me your I20.

(amit produces his I20)

Interviewer : what's your GRE score.

Amit: 2030

Inter.: Can I have look at your score sheet please.

(amit submits his GRE score sheet)

Interwiever: You seem to have a good GRE score.

Amit: Thankyou Sir

(Comments- actually amit was quite puzzled as to how the interviewer mentioned as his score to be high. But the matter of fact is that these people usually look at the verbal scores and amit had a high verbal score of 680.)

Interviewer : Which univ are you going to ?

Amit: Virginia tech .

interviewer: that's a very tough school. Why did you choose such a tough school?

Amit: Sir , the specialization which I want to pursue in IE is facilities design. and Virginia Tech is supposed to be one of the best schools for this specialization. That's the reason I chose this school.

(comments-One should never just say that the school is high ranked rather you should try and reply the way amit did ie talk more about the course specialization and don't forget to talk some techie stuff so that the interviewer gets the message that you know what you are going to do.)

Inter.: Do you have any financial support from the university?

Amit: No sir.

(Comment: always be straight forward about your aid status. Don't say that I will get once I go to the university....etc etc.. remember this will always work against you.)

Inter.: Who's your sponsor?

Amit: my parents

Inter.: Do you have any supporting financial documents?

Amit: Yes Sir.

(amit now forwards his CA statement.)

Inter.: Do have anything more concrete than this?

Amit now forwards his bank statement

the interviewer has a look at it and gives it back to him

Interviewer: All the best son. Study well!

Amit was asked to pay his visa fee. which meant that he had got his visa.

EXPERIENCE 2

dear friends,

i got visa on 30th april to lamar univ for summer term in M.S mech engg...

the visa interview is for about 5 mins....

the questions are

1) why this univ ?

2) In which field u have exp ?? (i have exp of 6 yrs in ISO 9001 company)

3) What is ur area of specialisation ???

(i told advanced NDT methods as i have exp in that field...)

4) Explain about ur exp in that company ?

5) Tell me contact no's of prof u r corresponding over phone ??

I told him well known profs are available with that univ...i told him i am in touch with them over phone...if u say thro mails he will ask u proofs...)

6) last time u have applied to some other univ...why this time to lamar ??? (once i have reject in december 2002)...so i told him my area of specialisation is good in lamar...

7) What is ur father ?

8) What is his annual income ?

9) Do u know car driving ?? (this is testing question....so u shud say i know...because we shud act as we have car...because we are

showing fixed assets of rs.1 crore and above ...so don't say i don't know..)

10) What is ur car no ?? (i told him my bike no...u shud tell the answer immediately...if u delay he will understand that we are lying)

so friends...all the best to all of u...

bye

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Experience 3:

VO: How do you plan to finance ur education.. 17K \$ is a lot of money

ME: Yes Sir, My parents are sponsoring

VO: UR parents annual income is only 5L .. how can they sponsor u

(this is the trick question.. u get flustered here.. ur done)

ME: Yes Sir, its 5L.. they have saving of ...L and I am taking a bank loan of 12L (this was more then required.. my total savings and bank loan was about 1.5 times that required for 2 yrs))

VO: So what will be ur repayment per month

ME: around 20thousand per month

VO: (sounds very surprised and says).. thats a lot of money... how can you repay (he stares at me.. like i am some criminal))

ME: (with the same tone that he used..) 20 thousand is not at all
a lot of money.. i am very sure of repaying it back. .it shouldnt be
a problem at all

VO: Gives me a proper stare...looks right into my eyes

ME: Give him a smile

VO: Go pay ur fees.. i am on seventh heaven

Experience 4:

Me: Good morning sir.

VO: Good morning.

VO: Why r u going to US?

Me: Sir I have been working for the past 3 years now. I always wanted to do
research and I think this is the best time to pursue my goals as I have the valuable
industry experience and good academic background to support me as well.

VO: Hmmm.. but why only this university.

Me: Infact sir I have got admits to other universities as well and....

VO: Which are the other universities.

ME: (I told him the list)

VO: Ok. So whats special about this university U R going to?

Me: Sir, I have interacted with quite a few graduate students at all the universities
and I realize that this university I am going to has state of the art research
facilities.

VO: Ok. So who is going to sponser ur education.

Me: My parents sir.

VO: Whats ur dad's annual income.

I thot he said family....

Me: Sir X Lakhs.

VO: Thats ur dad's income?

Me: Oh No sir. Thats my parents income. My dad's income is YLakhs/PA.

He gives me a stare. Looks at me in disbelief.

Looks thru my papers....

Me: I point out the various documents in proof of Y lakhs/PA.

VO: Where is ur bank transaction statement.

Me: I show him the printout which has the transactions.

Finds a letter which states that I work for Tata Infotech Limited.

VO: Oh. U work for Tata's?

Me: Yes sir. For the past 3 years.

VO: So Tatas is sponsoring ur education?

Me: No sir. Tata's dont sponser higher education.

VO: But Tata's are very very rich.

Me: (just laughed).

Just passes all the documents below the window and

says go and pay the visa fees at the counter

1] Dont put all your documents in the folder given by the tts people bcoz that we will be giving it to counsellor he will not see the docs completely. This was the problem faced by me. if i would have kept some of my financial docs with me i would have shown him as soon as he asked me.

2] He [counsellor] asked me about my dad's annual income i told him he is earning about X lakhs per annum ... then he asked me that how much he will be providing you in that X lakhs.. i told him that he will be providing me X-1 lakhs for my education.

3] counsellor after seeing my I20 where it is mentioned my course duration as 3years including 1 year as grace . he kept hanging to it saying that my course duration is 3 years and u dont have sufficient funds to pay for it . i told him that only 2 years is the course duration and 1 year is grace he not even tried to listen my words. so any one going for counselling keep that in mind what to answer if this question is being posed to you.

Experience 5:

The interview was like this.

Con. Officer: Hiii!!! (with a broad smile)

Me: Hello sir (Smiling)

Gave him my folder.

CO: Louisiana State University.

Me: Yes sir.

CO: Why this univ?

Me: My area of interest is VLSI and advanced research work is going on over there in this area.

CO: Look, the annual expenses are 16,000 USD and ur course duration is 2.5 years as per ur i-20, it comes

to 50,000 USD.

how will u meet these expenses?

Me: Sir, I am having a bank balance of 14.6 lacs and
Fixed deposits of 2 lacs.

CO: what is your father?

Me: My father is ----- (told his occupation)

CO: What is his income?

Me: 4.5 lacs per annum sir.

CO: It is not sufficient I think.

Me: Sir, my brother is also sponsoring me for my
education.

CO: What is he doing?

Me: He is working as ----- (told his occupation).

Co: where?

Me: In bangalore sir.

CO: What is his income?

Me: 1.8 lacs per annum sir.

Co: So, He can also support you for ur studies.

Me: Yes sir.

CO: what is ur mother?

Me: My mother is a house wife and she is having
property,

Con. Officer interrupted and said, property selling
and all won't happen...

Me: She gets rents of about 1.3 lacs per annum through
her property sir.

CO: OK. So what will u do with ur electrical
engineering degree.

Me: I will return to india and work in a big company.

CO: Why not in US?

Me: Usual sir, family ties and all our property is located in india.

CO: Take all your documents.

Me: OK

CO: Goto the last counter and pay the DD.

He didn't check even one document of mine.

So be confident and tense free.

Experience 6:

hi,

k this is my visa experience

i had the interview on october30 .

it was 8:00 when i started for the embassy by the time i reached there it started to
pour out heavily .all the ppl were drenched and then v were let in at 9:00 . i had to
arrange my documnets and then wne to the counter to pay 3165 dd and the i was

asked to go to another counter .there my documents were taken(as i was rejected for fall 2001) and i shown the way to the visa

interview section.i just had the token number along with me and no file(as they give the document file normally to all) .i got tensed up and then i have many ppl been rejected by counter 1 and so thought k mine also will b in the same status if was called the

person in counter 1. and to fate i was called upon by him..

venkat: hello sir

cou:hi howzz life

venkat:fine

cou:u were rejected last time for univ.of bridgeport

and now that u have applied with western michigan

univ.. why not bridge port?

venkat: wmu is rated among the top 100 institutions

and this is a far better univ than when considered to

bridge port.

cou: which branch r u going for?

venkat:electrical engineering

cou:y m.s.?

venkat:in b.e. v just have the overview ie the

fundamentals of all the subjects rather than the

specialisation which can be done only through m.s.

cou:y wmu?

venkat:i wanted to do a specialisation in programmable

logic controller and wmu is one of the outstanding
univ in that field in research .

cou:y only in u.s.a?

venkat: sir i have have been to many interviews and i
have found that many mnc prefer students with
international degree and exposure even though not
having experience than compared to ppl who have indian
degree and hands on experience.

cou: what is ur father doing?

venkat:he is working as accounts officer in hindustan
cables ,central gov..

cou:what is ur father sal?

venkat:7,70,000

cou: i think ur college fees id \$15,000 .and i dont
think u will b able to pay..?

venkat: please look at the bank statements i have
15laks in indian bank,4lak in andhra bank and a fixed
of 4 lak on my name ..so i can dispose whenever i want
to .

cou: i think ur anal score is less(440)?

venkat: sir i think my anal score wount affect me and

my performance as for an electrical engg. he needs to have a good quants score that i have ..

cou: what have u been doing in the span from fall2001 till date?

(i gueessed that he might ask this and so i took a work exp certificate from my uncle power project)

venkat: sir i have been working in my uncle company with zero salary just only for experience.

cou:repeat it

venkat: sir u have heard it correctly i have worked for no salary

cou: show me the certificate

venkat: showed the papers

cou: what is company?

venkat:skj power project

cou: what is it?

venkat : its a hydel powerproject

cou:what is hydel power project mean?

venkat: generation of power from water.

cou: take all ur documents along with the college fees

venkat:k

cou: go and pay the fee(the golden words)

i was the 1st person to b interviewed and to my worst for a long time .i feel all those who r going please look into the eyes of ur counsellor and talk and please say ur answers in a loud manner

thats all i can say please feel free to contact me

my email id venkatvasu@rediffmail.com

and if any body from hyd can contact to 7050677

bye

wish u all the best

Experience 7:

the moment im in front of the win,,im asked

VO: y us? (no greeetings at all,,,only bzness)

me: sir, i'd like to do a specialisation coz a bachelor in engg just gives an overview of the diff fields associated with (my major) like signal processin, n/win , power elex etc,,,i'd like to

specialise in a partiular field that wud later fetch me a job in an industry of my choice.

VO:wich industry wud that b?

me: bak here in india v ve companies deeelin with

n/win n telecomm

like bharti telecom,mtnl, bsnl etc also there r sm

companies based in

india with tie ups with us like hughes,orange etc,,i'd

like to b a

part of ne of these

VO: wat do yer mother/father dfo?

me: my dadz so n so n maz a teacher

vo: yer annual income?

me: 5.1 lacz „thaz inclusive of income fm other sources,,that is,,interest fm savings,bonds etc.

vo: sho me the score reports?

i produce the same

vo: ve ya got the draft?(he ment teh visa issuance DD)

me: yes sir(gave that)

vo: gave me a stiker to stik on the tts envelope wich

wud later contain the ppt (with a difference)

i lft the counter still jittery fm the entire exp,,was

told to write the add on the envelope wich was later delivered to me

in 48 hrz flat (23rd nov) then i was shown the exit

Experience 8:

me : good morning sir

vo : show mw ur I20 and passport

me : handover the documents

vo : why usa

me : sir, 80 % of the world's reseach in engg. is
going on in USA. naturally, USA is the obvious choice
for an engg. student.

vo : show me ur GRE score card

me : (hand over the same, takes a qick look at them)

vo : show me ur BTech degree

me: (hand this ovcer to him)

vo : have u got the bank draft?

me : yes sir,(give it to him)

vo : ok, go to the gentleman sitting behind the desk

me : (turn around in surprise, again come back and
ask " sir, i have got the visa ?

vo : (with a bland look on da face) yeah.

me: thank you sir.

Experience 9:

off: hi

me: good afternoon sir,

off: so u have done u 'r engg?

me : yes sir

off: what was ur major:

me: electrical engg

off: so u r going for ur ms or Ph.D.?

me: m.s sir

off: in what subj.?

me: in high voltage engg and power systems?

off: power systems,good,u can do a lot for your country

me: yes, with the current power deficit in India I am

sure I can do a lot for my country

off: hmm,ur GRE scores are not too good

me: I guess it was just one of the days when everything went wrong.(trust e i doono what made me say that as i had a tottly diff answ prepared) off:this could be your lucky day then,

just show me the funds to afford this collge.

me: yes sir I have __ _ lakhs in S/B account,__ _ in FD

off:__ _ lakhs in S/B....now now how did u get that

kinda money

me:sir I have my pass book u can see it

off: no I dont want to ,u just tell

me:sir in my first year of eng it was decided that I

was going to do an mS ever since we have been putting

aside certain amonts of money ,which we have rotated

from different banks and maintained in one account

which would facilitate easier transaction between the

university and bank

off:ok

me" sir I also had a property in my name which I sold

last yr.,I have the deed papers would u like to see it

off:no no,

off:hey have u seen the movie Mississippi masala

me:no sir,but heard it was a good movie

off:it is

me:i think it was made by an indian director mira nair

off: thats right,go to counter 1 and pay ur fees

me:thank you sir and have a nice day

Experience 10:

ME; YES SIR,

VO:WHY U CHOOSE THIS SCHOOL?

ME:SIR,MY AREAR OF INTEREST IS POWER SYSTEMAND

ADVANCED RESEARCH IS GOING ON OVER THERE AND MY PROF

SUGGESTED ME THAT UNI

VO:U R GRE SCORE REPOT IS HAVING ONLY ONE SCHOOL

NAME,WHAT R THE OTHER UNI U APPLIED

ME:OKLAHOMA,WRIGHT AND WAYNE

VO:THWN WHY IS LOUISAINATECH

ME:SIR,MY PROFFSUGGETSED(HERE HEPOINTED HIS FINGER TO
STOPPED ME AND ASKED

VO:WHAT U R FATHER?

ME:HE IS GOVT EMPLOYEE,DY MRO

VO:YAAHH,GO AND PAY U R FEE.

Experience 11:

Name : Pankaj Kamat Email : pankaj@softhome.net

University : University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (No aid)

GRE Score : 2310 TOEFL Score : 677 (paper based)

The questions asked were: (Answers in brackets)

1. What is the purpose of your trip?

(Masters Degree in Computer Science)

2. Have you ever been outside India?

(No)

3. What is your TOEFL score? (677)

4. 677?

(Yes it was a paper based test)

5. What is the highest score in TOEFL?

(677)

6. So you are the highest in TOEFL

(I just smiled)

7. What is your GRE score?

(2310)

8. Which university are you going to?

(UIUC)

9. Who's sponsoring you?

(My parents)

10. What does your dad do?

(Works as divisional manager in Canara Bank)

11. Show me his I-T returns!

(I removed the returns from the folder and was about to slide it across the window when he slid something across. It was my I-20)

12. Carry this while travelling and collect your VISA at 3 pm.

(That was it. No documents seen by him.)

Experience 12:

Name : Seema Joshi Email : josee@softhome.net

University : University of Missouri at Kansas City

GRE Score : 1890 TOEFL Score : 640 (paper based)

Here are the questions asked.

ME: Good Morning , Maam

She: How many universities did you apply to?

ME: 10

She: how many accepted you?

Me: 4

She: how many rejected you?

Me: 4

She: which univs rejected you? Me: University of Cincinnati, Univ of Texas-Arlington,.....

She: Why are you going to the US?

Me: For master's in Computer science.

She: What was ur bachelor's degree in?

Me: Computer science.

She: What was your first choice?

Me: University of Missouri-Kansas city

She: That was ur first choice? (At this point I got scared thinking that I had wrongly answered the question)

Me: yes

She: why?

Me: cause it offers networking and that is my interest.

She: OK..collect ur visa at 3.

:-) I was not asked to show a single document.

Experience 13:

he: Good Morning

me: Good Morning.

q1: why r u going for USA?

me: for Masters.

q2: Which University?

me: Western Kentucky University.

q3: why this university?

me: The university is well known for its math and computer science

courses and my senior (NAME IS COMPULSORY TO MENTION HERE---and i did

mention) also suggested the faculty here is good and supporting.

q4: what r u r parents?

me: Govt. Employees.

q5: what is their salary?

me: 4.5 lakhs.

q6: u mean both?

me: yeah, both.

q7: what is the fee for the university?

me: \$16000+

q8: u have any aid?

me: yeah, \$5000.

q9: so that will be 24.....25.....26.....27....28lakhs?

q10: when did u plan for USA?

me: 2 1/2 years.

q11: do u have any bank loan?

me: yeah, and i showed him my bank transaction statement(not the transactions but the statement given by the bank saying he has \$\$\$\$amount of money).i did not take loan but i said yes.

q10: u r parents had so much money in just 2 1/2 years?

me: its actually like this- my father has been working in many MNC and the amount which you are seeing now is what he has been pooling since many years.it was just 2 1/2 years ago that we decided that i have to go to USA and since then he pooled and deposited that money in this account and so is the money.

q11: do u have bank loan?

me: its actually like this, i have so much money in my bank account and i don't have any purpose in taking a bank loan.

q12: have u any passbook for this transaction?

me: yeah, i showed him the passbook.

q13: what will you do after ur course?

me: i will definitely come back to india.

q14: what sort of job will u get here?

me: coding and decoding.

q15: what sort of companies will take you?

me: DSP-Digital Signal Processing and many other companies as this is both hardware and software related communications coding and decoding.

q16: what is u r salary then?

me: 4 lakhs.

i passed out in 2002 and i went for fall 2003.

q17: what were you doing or the past one year?

me: pardon me?

q17: were you in a job or something for the past one year as you passed out in 2002?

me: i have been doing as a trainee in ECIL

q18: what is ECIL?

me: Electronic Corporation Of India Ltd and i was taking proof of payslips and ID cards and he said "I don't want to see those documents".

and then he said u can pay your fee in counter#1 and he returned me all the documents including TOEFL,GRE,I20.

i was picking them up and suddenly he said "i need that document aaaaaaaaaa" and i asked him "I20?".he said "yeah, I20" and he immediately said "U can pay u r fee in counter No.1"

he did not bother to see my CA Statement, Valuation Report,Property Documents etc etc.

i paid the DD and came out, ran to my father to tell him i got my visa and then it struck to me that i got F1 VISA stamped.

it is all joy from then on.

i hope it was as detailed as i have xperience it.

all the best to u all.

Experience 14:

about the questions?

- 1) why r u going to USA?
- 2) In which field ur planning to do ur graduate studies
- 3) who is funding ur studies?
- 4) do u have any siblings?
- 5) how many universities u applied?

My answers

- 1) i am going to USA for doing My Graduate studies in University of TExas at El Paso.
- 2) I am going to do Mechanical Engineering.
- 3) My Father and Mother for the entire period of studies.
- 4) yes i am having an younger/ elder sister, her name

is ... and she is doing her .. in ...

5) i applied for 6 universities. and they are ...(give the names of the univ). i got this many

rejections and this many acceptance. thats all from my side.

Experience 15:

Q. Why do you want to go to US for higher studies and not study in India?

A. Firstly American education system is very flexible. The course of normal duration 2 years can be completed in 18 months or some times even 15 months That would work to my advantage. I want to go for MS in Mechanical

Engineering with specialization in design. But you can't really consider design in isolation. If you want to be perfect in design, you have to got to know something about Theory of Machines, Vibrations and other subjects. Because of flexible education system, I can take up some credits from design some credits from ToM and so on. Thirdly, ratio of professors to

students in American Universities is very high. Each professor teaches a small group of students and as a result everybody gets personalized attention. These all advantages of US education system are not available in India hence I want to go to US.

Q. But there are good institutes like IIT available in India? Why don't you pursue your studies there?

A. (To this question, don't say that you are not good enough to make it to IIT. I had prepared to say the same old things about better education available in US. Find a good answer for this.)

Q. Why do you want to go to KSU?

A. (For this question, please collect some information from the

Internet about the research facilities available in the vicinity of University you want to go to. You can always say that because of these research facilities, quality of education is absolutely superb and some of the best talent in the world is available there)

Apart from that, for KSU, my reasons were-

For graduate course, there are 70 students and 24 professors. That means on an average, one professor teaches just three students.

I am interested in Design/TQM etc. Professors from KSU are specialized in those areas. They have published a number of papers on these areas.

(Know some of the titles of the papers/ research done by professors in the field of your interest.) So many areas of interest match with theirs.

Q. Why is your cousin sponsoring you?

A. My cousin is a businessman some and some 12 years ago, when he started off his business, people were somewhat suspicious about the success of his business and as a result nobody was ready to invest money in his business. At that crucial moment, my father was the first person who invested substantial money in his business. He is grateful because of that and hence he is sponsoring me. (You can find a different answer for this.)

Q. What are your future plans?

(I had taken certificates from a local industry, which I owned by a person with same surname as mine that they are ready to absorb me into their

business once I return.)

A. I will join the business of my other cousin after I return. I am very much interested in teaching profession. There are 7 Engineering colleges nearby. I would like to work as a Professor in any one of these.

Q. Then why are you working with IMS right now and not with that local industry?

A. (In the certificate it was mentioned that the industry frequently needs expert technical advice, which they have to obtain from consultants, which costs them exorbitantly in terms of time and money. It was also mentioned that their industry would be greatly benefited if I get deep technical knowledge in advance countries like US) Right now, I am a BE and I am not in a position to provide the kind of expert advice they are looking for. In the mean time I got offer of teaching Math's. I like teaching profession and Math's has been my passion right from my school days. So I joined IMS.

Some suggestions

a) Remember that they rely more on your words than the documents.

Just say, whatever you want to, slowly and clearly. Speak confidently.

b) If you take certificate from any industry, know something about their industry

c) If they ask for financial statement, always start with your strong point. For example take a case in which sponsor has annual income of 8 lakhs. This is obviously a strong point. Suppose he has bank balance but

chunk of money is deposited only 15 days back. In such a case, first show the IT returns. High annual income should and would impress them and they may or may not ask for passbooks.

d) You may say that you are the only child for your parents and that all the property is virtually yours.

e) If your sponsor is a business man know something about his business like the products they manufacture, their annual turnover and so on

f) Think of all sorts of questions that could be asked to you.

Prepare your answers and rehearse the thing before you go for visa interview.

Experience 16:

Hello everyone, I got an F1 by gods grace from Chennai consulate. Going for MS in CS at UTD. My appointment was scheduled at 9:30 on Friday. Reached around 8:45. Arriving at the consulate early helps, as there is small queue outside it waiting to get in. it might help you in the end (if you are not fortunate enough to get a counter visa) i.e. during the agonizing wait for the interview. After initial security checks, they check your passport and your appointment letter outside, once you get in they see your file... that's it for security initially. Then you stand in another queue for paying the Rs 300 TTS charge. They will give you a file for inserting 2 drafts, I20, passport GRE, TOEFL. Everything will be marked and you are supposed to

place them appropriately. You need to keep your mark sheets behind I20 as there is on separate provision for it. Then you are directed to another queue for paying the visa issuance fee. I paid around 9:20. You are supposed to write your name, address and passport number on the back of all drafts. On paying they issue a receipt and pink slip with the token number on it (I don't exactly remember where they issued it as I was having lots of paper reg. financial details). After collecting this, they will ask you to sit for a while depending upon the queue at the next stage. You can arrange till the queue for the next counter gets cleared. This is where they issue counter visas. Our batch was fortunate enough and he didn't see my file/GRE score and returned the visa issuance draft to me. May be counter visas are temporarily suspended. He asked for degree certificates/provisional. I gave all the mark sheets I had and he returned the X, XII mark sheets back to me. So only your BE/BTech mark sheets, provisional are required. He scans the photograph on your form and staples the pink slip to passport. So one photograph, which is on your form, is sufficient, though having additional photographs is no offence. He returned the passport and asked me to appear for the interview at the consulates office. There will be another security check point here and then you enter a well air-conditioned room. There are eight counters numbered. Counter 1 is where you pay the visa fee if granted.

I reached around 9:40 there only 3(4, 7, 8) counters are open

initially. You will be seated and the guard will direct you to the next counter line that's free. After some time there were consuls...at 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Mostly F1 were assigned to 2, 4, and 5. There were lots of rejects and I had hoped for a less number of rejections... but the consuls... at 4 was issuing visa without any problem after scrutiny of documents. I saw a lot of rejects from 5.

Luckily I got into counter 4. (There will be only three people in the line including the one interviewed. So you have to patiently wait for your turn)

the guy at 2 was also issuing visas as he came late. (Only one reject from his counter). When my turn came, this is what happened to me:

Me: Good morning Sir,

Coff: good morning (I slid the TTS cover to him, I kept the affidavit of support from the sponsor (on Rs. 20 stamp paper first). He saw that and within seconds returned it back to me, guess that's not necessary!

Coff: what do you know about Dallas?

Me: blaaaaaaaaaaaa

Coff: why do you want to do at UTD?

Me: blaaaaaaaaaaaa

(The file given by TTS has little space for our bulky financial papers so I kept the CA statement along with the bank statement of balance in SB, FD and other certificates I had got. He scanned them quickly. He saw the

summary statement on the first page and asked me what my father was doing and also about my monthly income then he said the golden word while returning the students copy of I20... Which I dint her properly... there was some problem with his mike. So he repeated the golden words...

Coff: keep this for the aeroplane

Me: thank you sir

(He saw the CA statement and the bank certificates for FD, SB and retained my passport and I20 and returned the rest to me. He wrote F1 on the pink slip and asked me to pay the fee at #1 along with the visa issuance draft.

The passport reached me in a day. I got loan for 10 lakhs and I did not mention it in CA statement but I carried the sanction letter. He didn't ask anything at all regarding loan (regarding financial part I had shown 1 year fees in liquid 6.5 - SB, 7 - FD, 5 recent FD's obtained 2 weeks before interview. I got the money from relatives/others and transferred it onto FD's and SB.), some other TDs like post office worth 2, some shares worth 20K, jewel sum for 4.85 lakhs, property around 18, annual income of 2.85) and the consulate enquired regarding my annual income in financial part. It's always better to show that your sponsor is working and getting a good salary (esp. sponsors who have got Voluntary Retirement's! an annual income of 3+ is certainly a good indication to the consulate regarding financial aspects. I saw the counter visa guy going to consulate office for

meeting them maybe they might have started issuing counter visas afterwards.

That's it guys...

Experience 17:

1. Why study in US?

A. The American education system has a practical approach of study.

With excellent research facilities, I get an opportunity to work on real time industrial projects thereby gaining good technical expertise. This will give me great competitive advantage and grab good opportunities in India.

2. Why this University?

A. I had done my final year project on the application of Operations

research to reduce occupational hazards in industries. The IE

department at TAMU has well renowned professors like Dr. Barry Lawrence and Dr. Robert Shannon specializing in OR concepts and are currently involved on

projects in Queuing theory. My interest matches with theirs. Also: Ranked 6th

for IE, which is a reflection of the quality of education, provided by the university.

3. Why should you return to India? / How does your study benefits India?

A. With an MS degree in Industrial engineering the scope for

opportunities in the industrial sectors in India is very wide especially with the

Manufacturing Industries investing a lot in India. Companies like FORD, HYUNDAI, ASHOK LEYLAND LTD and HINDUSTAN LEVERS LTD are in great demand for Operational Research analysis.

4. What are your career goals? / What after MS?

A. My immediate aim after MS is to work for a good company in India like ASHOK LEYLAND, HLL, Reliance Group. My target is to become the chairman of a leading company in India.

Experience 18:

got my visa on the 23rd of this month to university

of idaho at chennai for this summer. well let me tell all of you my experience.....

i had my appointment on 11 to 11:15 slot, but I happen to get in at 10:30am the guard allowed me inside. as soon as we enter to the left there we have to pay the tts courier fee of Rs.300/- just in front of that u have 5-6 counters go to the first one where you have to give your passport, appointment, and the dd of Rs4900/-. he will enter some details in the computer

and assign you a pink colour token which has 3 strips. then after verifying he gives back all the

stuff and asks you to move to any other counter for the next step.

where your luck guides move to some counter and here is where you have to give your applications (156, 157, 158), i20, passport, all your transcripts, admission letter, gre, tofel scores and what ever he/ she asks. when finished he/ she puts all the stuff in a file accordingly and gives you a token no & tells you to go for an interview in the next bldg.

step -3 final one

the nervousness starts here..... stay cool dont get panic! when you enter you see all the people being seated quietly. simply chose a place at the back side which is

comfortable to u.i am saying backside bcos from there u can notice all the counters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 clearly .

once u have been seated just relax and for the final time check all your docs where they are placed just to be quick enough to show the officer when he asks any docs. now comming to my case..... i got there at 11:30 and sat backside.at 11:40 i got a call from the counter no 3 where the officer happen to call nearly 12 people at a time...mine was the last number in that line. after hearing the call immdtly i stood up and took the last place in that line. the interview started the first person in the line got the visa... the second one got rejected.... the 3rd one got visa... 4th reject... like this every alternate person got visa... taking that sequence i was in the rejected place. suddenly he changed the sequence and gave visa to continiously ,by that time 2 were standing in front of me . the first one got visa.i was really tensed at this point of time i taught the person before me will also get visa and probably reject me as i was the last.

but the person before me was rejected. and and now it was my turn.....

he looked at me seroiusly and called me.

well the interview went like this...

he looked at my passport first.

1) tell me why this university?.

2)why this term?

3)who is ur sponsor?

4)what is he?

5)show me his it returns?

6)u have bank certificate?

7) show me?

thats it go to counter no 1 and pay ur fees!!!!

i just had no reaction,i dint even looked at his

face when he said that.i just said thank you sir!!

and quietly moved to counter no 1 to pay the fees.

thats it guys

a great experience.....

i tell u all stay confident! and answer politely.

u will defenetly get ur visas.

Experience 19:

me: Good morning MAM.

VO: Good morning.

Then paused for some time.

She looks at docs,and takes sit , and asks

VO: why USA?

I cant understand and asks with fear.

ME: pardon Please.

She comes near Glass and speaks loudly.

VO: why USA?

I afraid somewhat and cant speak for 2-3 seconds and Then ME: more emphasis on practical study, Greater research facilities (paused for 2 sec, hearbit increases) , reacher library, renowned faculties. In India generally group study and more emphasis on theory, In USA they encourages Individual Study. Then paused for abt 20 secs. She looked at me. I thought she expects something more for the q. so i started again.

ME: Mam, I want to pursue my career in computer science and USA is the only country in the world that provides greater research facilities in this field.

then I paused. she asks after 5 sec.

VO: who is sponsering you?

ME: my family.

VO: whats your father doing

Me: He is a businessman in textile business.

VO: IS he owner or worker?

Me: NO NO, He is the owner of business ,we have our family business.

VO: Whats your mother doing.

Me: she is house wife , but she has income of deposits in diff firms.

VO: Have u any brother or sis?

ME: I have one younger Brother.

VO: what is he doing?

ME: He is studying , NEAR HOME TOWN.(near hometown , i spoke loudly).

Then again she paused , reading my visa form for 20-30 sec.

I stood motionless, staring continuously at her and

her activities. then

VO: have you any financial docs?

ME: ya, sure.

I took out my CA report and forwarded to her. she took it and read it very carefully , she read

every three pages of report. took abt 30 sec. Then, I forwarded bank balance certificate.

she saw that and asked me

VO: whats your fathers individual income.

ME: its 1.3 lakhs. but we have our family business and everyone are under my grandfather, so we have scattered income among diff people. She thought for some time looking at my form.

(I somewhat scared, becos in comp of USC fees ind income is very low.)

VO: whats your undergrad college.

ME: C. U. shah ... Thats it.(when she asked , i was looking at her , i found her hand is on form where I wrote my college name and address , so i told " that's it " instead of speaking full name.)

She looked at me , and i smiled a little , at her.

VO: how many colleges u applied and accepted ?

ME: i have applied 7 uni. I got rejection from SUNY-binghamton, this and OGI accepted , others are awaiting. (i have started from rejection, i think that made good

impression that i m not hiding anything.(i think so)). then she looked at my docs again and found something in computer for 10 secs.

then asked me,

VO: whats your plan after graduation.

Me: my father having business that is 40 yr old and we have our own goodwill in business. But I want to shift my business from textile to IT.

she asks me again.

she come near glass to tell and listen.

so, i think she didnt got what i told.

so, i too went near glass, (we have only distance of

2 inches between our eyes, she was continuously

staring into my eyes, it was critical moment , and i

dont move my eyes even for a sec.)

ME: I WANT TO SHIFT MY FATHERS BUSINESS FROM TEXTILE TO IT.(
SOMEWHAT LOUDLY).

she go back , stand comfortably and

VO: OK YOUNGMAN I M ISSUING YOUR VISA.

I JUST CANT BELIEVE FOR A MOMENT.....

ME: thankyou verymuch mam.

I come outside of partition and think something and

went back inside,

ME: mam , i have to fullfill any formalities?

VO: no no, Your visa is granted .

ME: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Have a nice day mam.

VO: thankyou.

Experience 20:

My interview lasted 3 min.

this is my interview:

me: Good morning sir!!

he: yeah! good morning. What is the purpose of ur trip to US?

me: To pursue M.S. in Electrical Engineering With a

practical insight sir

he: M.S.. in what?

me: Electrical Engineering Sir

he: Electrical Engineering

he: it is a costly processes studying in US ...

me: yes sir, we can't get every thing at a time sir

he: who is sponsoring you?

me: my parents

he: what is your father?

me: father's a retired Bank Manager and he is currently working as finance manager .

he: what is ur fathers income

me: my father's monthly income is 25,000/- and our family's annual income is 7,23,000/-

mean while I am showing my documents but he said that

" I don't want to see ur documents u just explain".

he: 25,000/- pm and 7lakhs for annum how is it

possible??????

me: Sir, we have having a landed property of 24 acres from that we will get agricultural income .

he: 24 acres !!!!!

Now seeing GRE score report..... ... what abt other univs

in the score report

Me: I have applied for 4 univs sir, I got admissions from all the 4 univs

Now seeing the acceptance's letters

HE: why u have selected this univs

Me: I am very much interested in VLSi design and this is one of the best colleges of my areas of interest

He: what will u do after coming back to India

Me: I will start my own firm

He: where?????

Me: in Vijayawada

He: how many brothers and sisters ur having????

Me: I am only child of my parents

He: go and pay the fee

Me: thank u sir..

you wouldn't believe it!! he did not see anything. entire time he is looking at my gre, toefl score and me now i will give u a detailed scene as to who sits there and what they are interested in. I went to counter 4. so let's start with him: young chap, must be around 30-35. he is having medium physic and height long nose . he is not seeing any of the documents . he is only interested in finding out if you are eligible for studies in the US. he does so by eye-to-

eye contact and ur way of answering questions and ur confidence.

Experience 21:

hi guyz,

so here is my expereience...

came to consulate 9:45 am i was in the 10:30 batch...

as soon as u enter the building through the small door...a security

guard sees your webappointment letter..and asks whether you

have cell phone,pager,music system ..after this you are made pass through a metal detector..after this you enter a hall..which is filled with seats..it is arranged according to many columns.after the security check you take the FI Folder[Meroun color] and you go and pay 300RS [tts service charge] a white sticker is put on back of your passport,and you will be given a receipt if u have arrived early you are made to wait till your appointment time,Then you go to the cash counter where there are indians and you pay your DD 3185 she gives you a yello receipt and the pink token..again you go and wait for sometime..then your documents are checked by indians,they see wheter your photo is right(white background) and whether you have filled all the forms

correctly(guyz from thursday DS158 is being issued you can download it @ www.madras.sphynx.com/download/ds158.pdf) he later pins the pink token beyound the passport,and next you wait wait and.....wait before you are put to final interview..We all were let in to the interview room at 2:10,now the counter postions where

counter 1:chewing guy

counter 2:miss burka

counter 4:bald frenche beard

counter 6:HIB issuance[some young guy]

ok the que started movin..miss burka was interviewing tourist visa..
oh god! she was rejecting even the elderly citizens who had applied to
tourist visa..mister chewin at counter 2 was ok..and the frence beard
guy was not so good but compared to burks ok.i was made to stand in
the french beard guy's line..all of a sudden all the visa officers
vanish its 4:00 .we all are again made to sit in our seats..only one
counter is open guess who..yup our own miss burka..mann she was on a
killing spree(any unreal fans here)..10 rejects in a row ..i was
tensed and God helped,the young american who always stands in the
counter opened the counter..we were directed to stand there i was 6
in the que
he accepted the first guy 4 rejects in a row.nxt my turn was prayin
god.

so here is the interview:

me:Good afternoon sir

V.O:yeah Good afternoon.

V.O:so who is sponsering

me:sir my parents.

V.O:are they working?

me:yes sir,both of them are..

V.O:how much do they make?

me: aroundlakhs/annum

V.O:have you ever been abroad

me:NO sir

V.O:Do u have a brother/sister?

me:Yes sir,I have an elder bro

V.O:What does he do?

me:Sir he is working in USA,with an HIB visa sir

V.O:Waht?

me:with an H1B..(he writes it on my DS156)

V.O:Wahts ur agregate?

me:74%

V.O:Where do u stand in the class?

me:I am 3 in a class of 60

V.O:Wahts your Age?

me:sir i am 22.

V.O:Your on your way to us

me:what sir?

V.O:you are on your way to usa go pay your fee

grabed all my documents ran to counter 1 payed my fees.

guyz it had been a incredible experience.

I want to thank GOD who really made thinks happen....Thank you

GOD, Thank you...

I want to thank my loving parents and (bro cum friend cum mentor) my elder brother...

yeah akshay sisya thanks a lot dude..all my frineds who always bosted my moral..

and all the memebbers of fall2002,fall-

2002,fall_2002,USVISA2002,USC2K2 group members

for all the info and support

thank you once again

Experience 22:

Here's the interview

me: good morning

he: good morning, so where r u going?

me: answered.

he:why this university?

me: blah blah....

he: so university is paying for u

me: yes sir

he: why do u think they r paying for u?

me: i guess they like my profile.

he: from which college u passed out?

me: blah blah....

he: thats a good college

me: yes sir, one of the best college in India.

he: what was yr rank and marks in final year?

me: blah blah....

he: good, so who is going to pay for u for second year?

me: father, mother and me myself as sponsor.

he: so u r working? for how many years? where?

me: blah blah....

he do u have any document saying that?

me: yes sir, (I passed him my exp-letter, he read it very carefully)

he: thats good u r doing job after yr batchelors, its always better to have practical experince.

me: yes sir

he: show me yr IT returns

me: (i passed him all three IT return forms...read it thoroughly)]

he: show me yr financial docs.

me: sir i have two evidences, 1. Sposors affidavit, 2.CA statement ...(he stopped me in between)

he: I dont believe on CA statement and Affidevit, show something else.(I was stunned)

me: (I passed him my passbooks n FD certificates) he read all passbooks n FD receipts)

he: what project yr prof is offering u at university?

me: blah blah....

he: what does it mean?

me:(explained in little brief)

he: thats ok (kuch samza nahi usko...blank face) (one lady came and start talking to him, he passed my pass books to her)

he: show me yr admit letter (i gave him)...do u have any other doc from unive

me: yes sir, i have corresspondence with profs.(i gave him printouts, he read email which explains my project and aid breakup)

he: to how many unves did u apply?

me: blah blah....

he: show me I-20s (I gave him, he read all....also show to lady behind him....kya padh raha tha sub docs kya pata...mera BP to badhta ja raha tha)

he: who else is in your family? do u have any brother or sister

me: elder brother

he: what he is doing?

me: blah blah....

he: ok Jaideep, i am issueing VISA, pay yr draft and collect passport at 3

me: (on the top of the world) Thank u sir.

I think this was one of the longest interviews, before me he rejected 7 guys one by one, so i was very tense, some of those have IT returns upto 8 lac and aid too, but he was not satified and denied them. What i suggest you, take all yr docs with you, any correspondence with prof, it show u r very serious abt Masters. Also do not forget I-20 of other unives. Take all passbooks and Bank Balance certificates. I think, they do not reject VISAs randomly, if he ask u for any document and if u dont have the same then u will be in trouble. Also be there at before 5 Am, doesnt make any diiference in VISA denial or approval but u will get seat at Raj pavilion

Experience 23:

Name: Satya Web Address : <http://satya.virtualave.net>

University : University of Southern California (No aid)

GRE Score : 2100 TOEFL Score : 660

The lady looks at my I20 and says: (I don't remember everything, so this is approximate)

She: USC?

Me: yes

She: Show me TOEFL and GRE

Me: (showed, nicely laminated)

She: Expensive place. How're you paying

Me: (showed summary of assets (2 pages)).

She: Show tax returns for dad. Me: (None, he's NRI)

She: Why's he NRI?

Me: (What's your prob?) He's a shippie

She: What's his pay like?

Me: (gave approx figure, probably wrong and too less)

She: So how can he pay, it's less!

Me: (see the damn bank accounts: lots of money)

She: Ah. Show bank statement (showed) (Lady looks at the last entry of the deposit)

Me: That's the last entry, the total is here: (shows summary page again. she finally figures it out) (It gets better!)

She: I don't see any evidence that you'll come back. (almost word-for-word what she said!)

Me: *splutter* I'm the only child!!

She: Hmm. *examines app form* Do you have any siblings?

Me: (Didn't I just answer this?) Nope!!

She: Your dad's a shippie, why do you want to do MS?

Me: ! (What the hell has that got to do with it????) I'm interested in computers! (is that okay with you?)

She: Okay, ::scribbles F1 on pink token:: please deposit the draft and return at 3 for your passport.

Me: (so, do i get a visa?)

Those windows are to thick, and there's hardly any space at the bottom. I cuoldn't hear her at

first. Don't hesitate to ask them to repeat a question.

Experience 24:

Questions : WINDOW NO 8

1)Show me your GRE and TOEFL

Me: (showed)

2)how many universities have you applied to ?

Me:12 universities , 4 in california (I said tht on purpose)

3) Do you know some one in california ?

Me: nopes ,dont know anybody

4) How many places were you admitted ?

Me: 4

5) Which all places?

Me: WPI ,RIT ,FSU and USC

6) Why USC?

Me: excellent research and faculty especially in the field of AI which is what I want to pursue . Out of all the fields in CS tht it is offering like databases , networking , OS...AI have the maximum number of courses. I have the course list. Do u want to have a look?

7) NO! What are you doing right now ?

Me: CE

8) Where ?

Me: (answered)

OK YOU ARE GRANTED THE VISA

Experience 25:

Name: Lloyd Email : cliffco_2000@yahoo.com

University : New Jersey Institute of Technology

GRE Score : TOEFL Score :

Here's the interview:

Officer: Show me ur Gre n Toefl score cards (I forwrd the Gre n toefl score cards and he notes down my Verbal score)

Officer: So u wish to study at Njit

Me: Yes Sir

Officer:How many Univ's did u apply?

Me: I applied to 7 univ's

Officer:How many admits do u have?

Me:5 Sir

Officer:Show me u admit n reject letters?

me:Ok Sir (I forward him the 5 admits n 1 Reject letter)

Officer:Fine

Officer:So among the following admits ,Why have u chosen to study at Njit?

Me: Njit offers one of the Best courses in Telecom.The course also deals with computer networking and other fundamentals which would help me a lot in building my career.

Officer: What about the Research?

Me:They r working on Wireless n/w's (then he writes English-100 pts on my application. I think he was testing my English Speaking ability)

Officer:Show me ur Degree certificate (He confirmed that I had done my Engg in Electronics n Telecom)

Officer:Any relatives in US?

Me: No sir Officer:Do u intend to come back? me:Yes Sir

Officer:Why? (I was surprised)

Me:Sir,Firstly,I am the only child and I would have to take care of my parents. Secondly,there r many upcoming telecom industries in India like Bharti Telecom,Vsnl,Bsnl offering good jobs to Telecom graduates.

Officer:Ok Fine,Collect ur Visa at 3 o'clock

me: Thank u Sir

Officer : Study Well

Experience 26:

Name: Rupali Patekar Email : rpatekar@yahoo.com

University : Arizona State University (No aid)

GRE Score : 2240 TOEFL Score : 657 (paper based)

My 'interview' went thus :

(I slipped the pink token, receipts, and score reports)

I : Good morning Sir,

He : (busy with the papers) Good morning.. ... how many univs did you apply to ?

I : (told him)

He : which ones ?

I : (told him)

He: So why did you choose Arizona ?

I : Sir, it's a good scho....

He : (cut me short) any other admits ?

I : No Sir.

He: So that's why..say that then... (smiled.. almost laughed.. and I told myself..thats it.. I'm gone) But you don't have to be ashamed.. (:)

He : Do you have the reject letters ?

I : Yes Sir,

He : (while I was getting them out...) What do you plan to study ?

I : Computer Science.. (he shook his head...) Masters.

He :What is your undergrad ?

I : (I'd slipped the reject letters by now.. but he didn't really look at them)
Computer Engineering

He: which school ?

I : College of Engg Pune.

He: (wrote F1 on the pink token)Collect your passport at 3.

I : Thank you Sir.

Experience 27:

Name: Ketaki Bhorgay Email : ketakibhorgay@yahoo.com

University : University of Cincinnati (With aid)

GRE Score : 2190 TOEFL Score : 620

Here's the interview!

me : good morning

guy : good morning. can i have your toefl score

me : 620

guy : can i have your gre scores

me : 2190.

(forwarded the original toefl and gre score sheets, he said no , he didn't want to see them i have got the UGS - 80% tuition waiver)

guy : who is this other sponsorer mention in your i-20

me : my parents

guy : can i have your IT returns

me : sir (gave him those)

guy : (hardly saw through them) i don't think you can sponsor 15,000 u.s. dollars.

me : no sir my parents can

guy : what does your father and mother do

me : told him

guy : if need arises do you have anyone in U.S. who could give you U.S. \$

me : No

guy : don't you have any near relative in U.S.?

me : No

guy : can you show me any other document that shows you can finance yourself

me : I showed him my bank statement.

guy : (quite contended) how come the college is sponsoring you? have you got anyone over in the univ, who know you?

me : no sir.

guy : then why is the college funding you

me : sir, because of my good acads and scores

guy : i would like to see your admit letter

Ok, that was it. he gave me the visa.

Experience 28:

Name: Anup K. Email : aak@netcracker.com

University : University of Pittsburgh (No aid)

GRE Score : 1790 TOEFL Score : 647 (paper based)

I went in and said Good Morning.

Q.. So u r going fot the university of Pittsburgh hmm for Industrial Engg.

A. Yes Sir.

Q.. SO where have u done ur graduation from

A.. University of Pune sir...

Q..What have u done it in?

A..BE Mechanical Sir 1st class..

Q.. Why is ur anal score low?? he pushes the score towards me

A..(I think this is it he gives back the score and sends me off) I said that my initial answers went wrong and i could not recover my score even though the latter ones were right.. He seemed satisfied with the asnwer..

Q.. How many universities did u apply for ?

A.. 8 sir.

Q..How many admits did u receive..?

A..6 sir.

Q.. Which universities rejected you??

A.. University of Houston (Houston) and Wayne state university (Detroit)

Q.. Hmm so who is going to sponsor u >

A.. My Father is ...

Q.. What does he do

A.. he is a SR. VP. in

Q.. What is his income like/?

A.. I told him....

Well u can collect your visa at 3.00 clock.. I said thank you..

Experience 29:

Name: Harshal Email : harshal_haridas@yahoo.com

University : Penn State University (No aid)

Me: Good afternoon madam

She: hmmm

Me (dreaming): Seems that she doesn't have any intentions to entertain me

She: Pass on your test scores

Me (broke in my dreams): (huh) Pardon Maam

She: Your test scores

Me (hmm I got you the second time): here maam

She: ohhh! So why Penn-State university

Me: wonderful and excellent faculty in Programming Languages and Compilers.
Also has research activities related to my under-grad college research project.

She: what is Compiler technology?

Me: blah blah

She (in doldrums): What is its use?

Me: blah blah

She (totally confused): hmm who is going to sponsor for your course?

Me: father

She: what does your father do?

Me: blah blah

She: Pay your money and collect the Visa at 3.00pm That's all!!! One minute and I was a happy person.

Experience 30:

Name: Manu Bharadwaj Email : manub@GLIDE.NET.IN

University : California State University - Sacramento (No aid)

GRE Score : 1500 TOEFL Score : 271 / 300

The Lady: Good Morning.

Me: Good Morning. (I handed her my passport, I-20, OF-156 and the 3525 draft)

The lady: (Looking at my OF-156 and circling "ONE DAY" in the column "Have You ever been to US and for how many days ?")

Me: Well mam, my father is in Merchant Navy and I boarded his ship at Houston which was there for a day or two.

The Lady: (She smiled). So which all univs. have you applied to.

Me: (Named all 5 univs I had applied to. But I guess she didn't even bother to listen)

The Lady: So in how many did you manage to get accepted ?

Me: Three of them.

The Lady: So why did you choose this univ. ?

Me: I always wanted to specialize in System Analysis and Design and this univ has a good number of projects going on in this field. (Believe me this was all "phatta" and I never even bothered to see what projects are being undertaken in my univ).

The Lady: OK, show me your GRE card and financial statements.

Me: (Handed her both). Ahaaa.... there what happened to your verbal score ?
(For a second I felt 'there goes my visa'.)

The Lady: How was your TOEFL ?

Me: Mam, my TOEFL has been decent enough.

The Lady: Show me your TOEFL card.

Me: (Gave her the card). Ummmmmmhhhhnnn.... That's good enough !!

(then she reviewed my Bank Statements. In my Bank Statements I had shown enough funds for both years. But this amount was in the form of FCNR (its like FDs for NRIs). Now I really don't know whether she knew what FCNR account means. Probably I got the 'benefit of doubt' !!)

The Lady: Ok you will get your VISA

Me: Thanks.

Experience 31:

Name: Rishiraj Manerikar Email : rishim@bom6.vsnl.net.in

University : State University of New York at Buffalo (No aid)

GRE Score : 2080 TOEFL Score : 273 / 300

Here's my interview:

me:HELLO SIR.

him:HELLO...SO YOU ARE GOING TO UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO...?

me:YES SIR.

him:WHICH UNDERGRAD COLLEGE? before i start answering ...

him:CAN I SEE YOUR GRE SCORE CARD?

me:HERE SIR...(slides the score card thru the slithe doesnt even pick it up)

him:WHO IS SPONSORING YOU?

me:MY PARENTS ...MY MOM AND DAD.

him:WHAT DO THEY DO?

me:BOTH ARE DOCTORS.

him:WHAT IS THEIR INCOME?

me:SIR, THEIR ANNUAL INCOME IS AROUND 2.5 LACS.

him:SO HOW DO THEY INTEND TO SPONSOR YOU?

me:(CONFUSEDSCARED TO DEATH!!!) SORRY SIR?

him: DO THEY PLAN TO SPEND FROM THEIR SAVINGS?

me: OH, YES SIR! me:SIR HERE IS THE SUMMARY OF MY FINANCIAL
STANDING...(slides thru the slit....doesnt even attempt to look at it...)

him:NO..NO..ITS OK! PAY THE 2nd DRAFT AT COUNTER NO 14 AND
COLLECT THE VISA AT 3 O'CLOCK!!!

me:THANK YOU SIR...(i give him a big smile-ear to ear....he too smiles!!)

Experience 32:

Dear Friends,

I would like to share my friends VISA experience at Kolkata Consulate.

he is going for PhD in WSU,Pullman with RA. he got rejected in last

December on the Finacial ground.

My interview time was at 11:30 on 20th May on counter number one. and VISA officer was a generous lady. She issued VISA to everyone on that day.

Q: Do you have any financial aid?

A: yes. I have assistantship from WSU.

Q: Why you have been rejected last time?

A: I told her that I didn't had financial Aid that time.

Q: from the same Univ?

A: No. That time it was from UTAH state Univ.

Q: How did you get Assistantship this time?

A: I told, I have given GRE and TOEFL. thereafter I discussed the research interest to the Prof. he got impressed and offered me RA.

Q: Show me ur BTech and MTech certificates

A: produced certificates and marksheet. (Her comment after seeing my credential was, Ur have sound educational background for assistantship).

Q: what will you do after completion of ur PhD?

A: I will comeback and join as faculty in some univ(like...).

Q: (laughing), in IIT?

A: that is the best oppurtunity I have but I will be happy to join my almamater.

Q: Do you know anybody in US?

A: Yes. My friend is doing PhD in same univ WSU.

thats all my dear friend. I was then asked for TTS receipt.

if yiu have any query feel free to ask me pra_iitian@yahoo.com

best of luck for all VISA aspirants

urs

prabhakar

AGFE DEPT,IIT Kharagpur,INDIA

Experience 33:

Hi all,

Just got my visa today for SIUE starting Fall 03 from the Delhi

Embassy.

This is how it went.

Appointment time : 9am-9:15 am

Reached there at 8AM (no use. You'll just have to wait. so try and

reach the

place as close to the appoinment time only).

Anyway went in at 9 and was asked by the guard to show my web

appointment.

Then was made to stand in line number 4. Reached the TTS counters by

9:15

am.

A girl there asked me for my I-20, drafts, passport. Gave it to her.

She

checked my name and gave me the stuff back and a slip.

Went inside the embassy at 9:20. reached the TTS counter inside. Gave

him

the TTS draft (for Rs 400) and he gave me another slip.

Was told by the guard to stand in line (I was the only one for a

student

visa!). There were a couple of people before me who got rejected for

student

visas so I was a bit tensed.

Here is how it went

9:25 am.

Me: Morning

VO: (nothing, just kept entering something)

Me: (hand over my passport, I-20, DS forms, TTS slips)

VO: looks at them, asks for my GRE scores

Me: Hand over both my GRE and toefl scores.

VO: Which course do u plan on doing?

Me: MS in EE (DSP)

VO: Show me ure degree

Me: Hand it over

VO: What does ure dad do?

Me: Works as a GM etc.

VO: Ure scores are good and ure academic background is good, U'll get a good

job in America, why do u want to come back?

Me: Will start a factory etc.

Me and VO do some small talk on my family background/education scene in India etc. I think he kinda eased up to me.

VO: Sir, I do hope you'll come back to India. Give this to the TTS counter guys.

Me: Yeah.....ok

Thats it. He didnt ask for anything. Bank Statement/ Salary slipnothing. I was in and out in half an hour.

I didnt get a CA statement and things like house/jewellery evaluation done. I

dont think its required. The interview lasted abt 2-3 mins. Thats it.

Gave

the slip to the TTS guy and he made me fill out my return address on

the

envelope. Said I'll get the passport in a week.

My advice, just be cool. I went wearing jeans and a short sleeved short

shirt, while people in formals were getting rejects!. Didnt go to any

visa

counsellor. Just took some tips from USEFI. There is no need to get any

CA

statement/evaluations done.

Thats it ppl. Apply early like me (cos there is no one and thats a good

thing) and just be yourself.

One word of Caution. At the Embassy in Delhi, u'll find lots of touts.

One

tout (fat black guy) approached me and asked me to show my photograph

to

him. When I did he told me it was wrong and that my appointment will

get

cancelled. My photo was on an off white background and he said they

wanted

one on a white only background. He showed me one which was with a sparkling

white background and kept telling me stuff like my visa will get rejected

and my photo is 101% wrong. IT WASN'T.

Believe me this is not what you want to hear 1/2 an hour before the interview. And frankly there is no way he could have got me a photo developed and processed in that time (which he said he could).

Dont listen to any touts, they'll just make you more tensed than you already are.

Thats it, all the best to the rest.

Lemme know if anyone is flying from Delhi to Chicago in the last week of

July or in the First week of August.

Laterz

Hemant

Experience 34:

hi all,

i got my visa today from chennai consulate for
oklahoma state univeristy for my masters in IE
My time was 10 30 am to 10 45 am but i was allowed
inside at 9 30 am itself
after u get in all ur belongings are checked and then u
r allowed to pass thro a metal detector
then u r escorted to a room where there is a person
from tts to collect the money for the courier 300 rs
then after paying this u pass on to the next counter
where u pay the fees of 4900 rs for ur visa
then he issues a receipt for this and a pink token
then go on to the next counter where all ur stud docs
will be checked then all those docs will be put in a
folder and will be automatically passed on by them to
ur visa counter
then u move on to the next building where u r made to
sit in a hall until u r called by ur no in the pink
token
after they call u , u wait in the line until ur turn
comes
my turn came and this is wat happened

Me: Good morning sir (it was 11 40 then)

VO: good morning

VO: so which school r u goin to?

Me: I am goin to OSu to do my masters in Industrial
engg sir

VO: Why this school??

Me: Some very good research work in my area of spec
namely design is goin on sir. There r some very good
labs in CIM, CATT ,.....

VO: OK, have u passed in all ur ug papers in 1st
attempt?

Me: Yes sir

VO: IE no many job oppur after u return to india??

Me: No sir, at OSU the IE dept is a combn of the
indus, manufac and Management sir. so my skills in all
these 3 are honed. The manufac industry in india in
growing a lot sir and by the time in complete it will
be booming and will my val exposure at osu, i am sure
i would be able to get a good job sir in an mnc in
india

Vo: ok ur optimistic?

Me: No sir, i have done reserch on this and then only

apped sir, i also have work exp of 9 months in my CAd
field sir and a course in CAD sir

VO: ok how r u planning to finance for ur 3 yrs??

Me: Sir i have 7 lacs in sb Acct sir and 15 in fds. so
i think this would be suff for my studies sir

Vo: ok wats ur father?

Me: Father works as manager in a state givt
undertaking for the past 25 yrs

Vo: wats ur mother?

Me: She is a house wife sir

VO: ok???... go pay ur fees in counter 1

Me: i did not know wat happ i toolk my certificates
and went to counter 1 and paid the fees

i still coulnt believe wat happ??

anyway will wait till my passport and visa comes
stamped along with it!!

bye and i hope till helps all of u

kannan

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Hi Evry1,

generally there are some ppl who after getting visa won't even bother abt mailing to yahoo grps abt thier visa experience ...forgetting abt all the help they got frm such grps.

There are some other ppl who mail to grps abt thier experience after getting visa... also they provide some tips..I appreciate them for thier helping nature.

But probably there are very few ppl who bother abt mailing to grp abt thier visa experience..even if thier visa gets REJECTED!!!...however dejected they may be they don't want others to do the same mistakes .(of course they also seek info abt reapplying..but we shd appreciate them for sending thier exp.)also they provide useful info ..y visas being rejected.
I salute to thier broad thinking...

Thts the reason I've consolidated some of the visa experiences from usvisa2002 grp archive ...where visas got rejected.

My motive is not to intimidate u by such visa rejection exps..but to provide some info so tht u can deduce y some visas got rejected... and be careful in ur case.

Lastly i request evry1 to post thier visa exp..and if possible provide some useful tips.

Regards
Sudhir

--- In usvisa2002@y..., shalaka limaye <slimaye2002@y...> wrote:

>

> hi all,

>

> at the outset let me thank you all of u[esp nisha, shreeni, mayur, sagar, purav, bijal, amit] for letting me feel that i am not alone.
> for the assurance that u guys r there.

>

> here goes my visa proceedings:

>

> me: good moring sir,

>

> he: morning, how r u doing?

>

> me: i am doing fine thank you, how r u doing sir?

>

> he; fine thank you. so u r going to UFL?
>
> me: that's rigfht sir
>
> he: why ufl?
>
> me: because the program that ufl offers is in movement science with clinical biomechanics as one of it's subject concentration which is of my interest.
>
> he: what does ur father do?
>
> me: he is currently working with semens as sap consultant.
>
> he: u r a physical therapist, r u working?
>
> me: no sir, i was working but i left my job [later i realized i shudn't have said this]
>
> he: why ms?
>
> me; because doing ms will make me more proficient
>
> he; tell me how good this degree is gonna be since u were already working?
>
> me: sir, although i was satisfied with my job, with ms i will be more focussed in orthopedic physical therapy.i would like to come back to india and get attached to reputed hospital.[this was extra piece of information which wasn't asked. i shudn't have said it]
>
> he: i am sorry i have to refuse ur visa because i'm not convinced u'll come back.
>
> that's the end of it.
>
> please guys i need ur suggestions.
>
> help me through.i know with this reason my chances are less second time.
>
> do they have the reason why visa was rejected, on their record?
>

> is ther gonna be seperate queue for 2nd attempt?
>
> is it possible that i will get the same chap next time?
>
> bye
>
> shalaka

Subject: rejection(not satisfied with english)

hi friends,
i m hiren from morvi,gujarat.i got rejection on 10th from mike cole(mumbai).he didnt ask me much.the conversation lasted for 1min only.it was like:
mike:hello,good morning ,mr raval,
my self:good mmorning sir,how r u?
mike:fine.so....u r going to arl;ington,right?
my self:yes,sir
mike:how many7 univs did u apply to?
my self:sir,i applied to 2.njit and uta.
mike:what's ur father?
my self:sir,my father and mother ,both r govt employees.....
mike:show me ur gre scoresheet.
i gave him.
mke:sorry mr raval,i can not give u visa coz i m not sarisfied with ur english.
i tried to convince him saying that sir, my toefl and gre (verbal) r much above avg but he told me sorry and asked me to try again!!!
so,frineds ppl with less scores also got visa on 10th(my toefl-263(5.0),GRE-1880(V-510,Q-790,A-580))well,i accpet that i was lacking confidence.
i m going for it again on 24th.i want to ask whether is it sure that mike will not be the interviewer again!!! and if he is then is it almost definite that i'll get rejection again?
plz..plz...plz reply soon.
hiren.
Sreeni <sreenihere@h...> wrote: hello shalaka,
dont worry yaar the second time it will be coool and u too will get a chance to

party.

as ur mail reads, the reason being " potential immigrant"..but do u by any chance know

y did they give u that reason? anything like not having specific goal..? financial docs etc...

if the reason is just like lack of specific intentions and goal then its easy for u the next time..

then i shall say u r lucky even in the middle of ur unluck...

i have heard a lot of cases where ppl have got their F1 s the second time...even with the

reason for the first reject being "not proficient in english". so cool buddy... the importat issue being indentifying the exact reason for the reject...

let us know the details asap.....

regards

Sreeni.

Dear friends,

17th june was a tragic day for me when everything went wrong.Right from getting up early in the morning to reaching home.

i had taken the 8.30 appnt.i reached VFS by 7.50am.

Reached consulate by 8.40am via their bus.

had security check,submitted the appln form etc....got the token and took a seat in the middle of the hall.

was attentively listening to evry call on the speaker.finally my name was called at 12.00noon at counter 6.all other counters were not processing f1 visas.tht muchad was there.

I was probably the last person to be interviewed.

now 8 of us were there for the last batch to be interviewed.In our batch of 8 ppl....4 were rej and i was 1 among them.i am sure they must have completed their rej quota.1 girl with aid was also rej.

My interview.....

ME: A very good afternoon sir

he: very good afternoon.

He: so ur going to state univ of NY (going to bingy)

me:yes

He:To which all univ did u apply

me: told him...

He:How many admits and rej

me: blah blah..

he:where did u do ur undergrad degree from..

me: told

he:what was ur rank in your class

me:in my class ?

me:i was within the first 10 in my class.

he:wht does ur father do

me: blah blah

he:wht is his annual income

me :....

he:show me ur gre scoresheet pls

me :sure...(gave it)

(he was noting my score, annual income and someting
on my visa appln form)

i was curiously waiting for his dceision.

After some time....

he: (started handing me my PP ,I20 the yellow receipt
from the small slit) and saying

i am not convinced that u wud come back to INdia.

I am sorry i hav to refuse your visa....blah blah..

me: stunned at his decision(just cudnt say anything)

sir but iam the only son of my parents and i have to
take care of them...so i wud be coming back

he:(in a hurry)sorry i cant grant u the visa

i collected the docs and without any exp on the face
proceeded to the exit of the consulate.

i did speak vry well in front of him.No tension.
so frnds any suggestions on this..
coz i wud be applying for 2nd time in july.
is it difficult to get visa for the 2nd time?
i havnt been given any visa rej letter nor my pp has
visa rej seal.

thts it
Amol

Hi,

I had my visa interview on 21st june at 8.30 am at
the chennai consulate. I got a reject and would like
to
share this peculiar experience.

The visa official who interviewd me was the much
dreaded Muslim Lady. The sequence of the interview
is as follows:

I: Good Morning mam

she:nodded and mumbled
checks my I-20 and wites and calculates something
She: very expensive?

I: I have funds for 2 years to cover my entire
expenditure. Please verify the CA statement.
She: Do you have scholarship?

I:NO

She: Why?

I: THis time OSu has awarded fellowships very
stringently and only ppl with scores over 2300 have
managed to get it.
She verifies my marksheets and I mention that I had
goog acads of 91 % in the Madras University and will

possibly get a good rank.

she doesn't care.

She: What abt your dad?

I: Both my mom and dad are retired bank officials and we have more than sufficient savings to support my study and also an own house. You can verify with my financial statement and I have evidences for everything.

She: Any brothers / sisters?

I: No brothers, one younger sister who is doing final yr B.Com and trying for a Bank job.

She: Show your dads passbook? (very sarcastically)
I show it and she asks me where did this huge amt (4 lacs) come from?

I: Explained how and show the proof
She waves it off and does not see my CA statement, any other financial documents.

She: I am sorry maam, I think you cannot support yourself in such a costly place. Please wait for a year, try to get scholarship from some cheaper university and then apply again.
I tell her to please have a look at the Statement and that I can definitely manage without any problems.

She tells me: I am Amercian and I think I know whether you can support yourself or not.

I: Thank you maam.

My details:

Univ: Ohio State University

GRE: 2150

TOEFL: 287

TSE: 50

Acads: 91% University of Madras

Funds required by OSU for 2 years: 28 lacs

Liquid cash shown: 35 lacs (SB + all deposits)
Property: 60 lacs

Inspite of having satisfied all their requirements and showing funds for 2 1/2 yrs, I got a reject. She simply refused to see my financial statement. I sincerely hope and pray that no one meets with the same fate.

I am planning to apply again by post. I would like to know if anybody is doing this or has faced a similar problem. Please reply at the earliest.

ALL THE BEST.

Anusha

Dear friends,

I was denied the F1 today by Nancy on the basis of 214(b) ie failing to convince the officer that I would come back to India after my studies. I am hoping to go for MSCS @ VTech.

She asked me a few general questions and everything went real smooth till the time she noticed my 2 employment passes on the PP for Singapore and one tourist visa for Malaysia.

She : So I see u were in SG for 2 years; What were you doing there ?

Me : Ma'am I was transferred by my current employer here to their SG branch for an assignment for 13 months. I came back last August.

She : And how do you explain the Malaysian visa ?

Me : Ma'am that was a tourist visa. I visited Malaysia for 5 days on a vacation from Singapore.

Then she just went and spoke to Cole I believe and came back after a minute.

She : Mr. Sukhija I m sorry but I m not sure you are going to come back, so I am gonna deny you the visa.

Me : Ma'am I can explain..

And as I was saying that, she already stamped and scribbled and handed over the docs back to me. I pleaded again, and she said I m sorry, I hv already made my decision. You will have to try again.

I couldn't believe that this was happening to me as all the while I was so sure that I was gonna get this visa today. I had all my documents done, answered firmly and confidently and I think I couldnt have done better than this.

I notice that nothing has been written on my PP or I-20. Just one stamp on the PP saying 'Applied for Visa on 27th June 2002'. There is absolutely no indication on what grounds was the visa rejected on the PP. Albeit there is one separate handout stating rejection clauses with 214(b) encircled.

Now I need your help friends, especially from those who have managed to get their visas on second attempts.

I need answers/suggestion on following points

- 1) Procedure for re-applying
- 2) Docs/Evidences/Ideas which can prove that I would come back.
- 3) Any tips/tricks for that matter.
- 4) Ppl say that u dont get the same interviewer again, how do they know who interviewed me last time when I go again now ? Shalaka ? Can u help ?

Good Luck to the rest of the bunch thou'.

Regards,
Dinesh Sukhija

Dear friends...

- > > First of all Congrats to all those who got the
- > > visa
- > > and Best of luck to all those who are still
- > > remaining.
- > >
- > > I got rejection from Mumbai Consulate by Mike
- > > Cole
- > > on
- > > 6th June.
- > > I need help of this group....from all the friends

> > like shalaka,samir.....and all others who are the
> > member of this group.
> >
> > Here goes my experience.
> > Mike: Good Morning Maulik
> > Me: Good morning sir
> >
> > Mike: How are you doing
> > Me: I am doing fine thankyou and how about you
> sir
> >
> > Mike: I am also fine
> >
> > Mike: So from which universities you have admits
> > Me: Told the names of 3 Universitis.
> >
> > Mike: Why this university
> > Me: Offers good courses and good for Engineering
> > field..blah blah
> >
> > Mike: Whats ur father doing
> > Me: replied
> >
> > Mike: His annual Income
> > Me: Told him
> >
> > Mike: Can i see your balance sheet please
> > Me:Sure sir..gave it to him...
> >
> > Then he hardly took a glance at it for 2 or3 secs
> > and
> > said that it seems that you dont have a good
> future
> > there, i am sorry but i could not give you the
> visa.
> >
> > It hardly took 30 - 40 secs for all the
> interview.
> >
> > Now, my Brother is also in US on F1 students
> status
> > and he is studying there.
> > I had shown enough funds in my Savings and also

> in
> > FD
> > to support me and my brother.
> >
> > I would like to know about certain things.
> >
> > 1. I have approved bank loan of 12 lakhs for me
> and
> > 4
> > lakhs for my brother.... Can i show that.... Would
> > it
> > create any problems..
> > 2. Can i try to show an apointment letter of some
> > company here, after i come back.
> > 3. I had shown almost 28 Lakhs in Savings and
> around
> > 12 Lakhs in FD and 16 Lakhs loan.. But i dont
> think
> > that Mike had seen those figures.
> >
> > Please help me out friend. I would be thankful to
> > all
> > of you.....
> >
> > for the second time..the chances are that i would
> be
> > interviewed by Nancy.....So, if you know, what
> kind
> > of
> > things i should take care for the next time,
> please
> > let me know.....
> > I am planning to apply again in First week of
> > july....
> >
> > Thanks once again.....
> >
> > Take care
> > Maulik

I had my appointment scheduled on 2nd July, 2002 in

the Mumbai Consulate. It was scheduled for 8:30. I got Nancy to interview me. Here my interview goes.

Q. Are u going for undergrad or Grad?

A. Grad mam

Q. Who is sponsoring you?

A. My father is sponsoring me and my father is my main sponsor.

Q. what does your father do?

A. My father is a doctor with MD in medicine and.. she interrupted.

Q What is his anual income?

A. My total family income is around 10.6 lacs and.. she interrupted.

Q. What is your father's?

A. It is 4.6 lacs

Sorry, you don't qualify for F-1 visa. I tried to ask about the reason but she did not tell me

My profile

GRE: 1750

TOEFL: 263

Acad: 73%

University: Suny/Buffalo

Can anyone tell me the suggestions and possible reasons for the rejection? What should I do now?

hi friends,

I had my interview at the Delhi consulate today.

I am so totally shocked, i dont know what to do. well, i "did" know that i was taking quite a risk by disclosing my brothers existence there- He is on H1b..but i had hoped that i will be asked on as to whether i would be getting back or not.

well i wasnt. i had thought that i would be able to convince him, CS good prospects here in India and all that.,had quite an answer to that qn.

my profile: GRE: 2150 (v:660,q:740,a:750)

TOEFL: 280

Acads: 79% (7 sems)-Uni of Madras - he didnt see that.

to: Uni of southern California.

well, about the interview, regular general stuff, he did seem to have a problem with the fact that my mothers a housewife. other than that, he seemed rather impressed with the scores and all that.

all was peaceful, till the brother-there thing came up.just did not listen to anything after that. end of story.so bloody unfair.

anyways.

i guess am not going to let 2 years of hardwork-to say the very least,go down the drain. I will re-apply. I understand that i can reapply after 3 working days, guys, could u please suggest how i could strengthen my case?

I understand that we have to writeup a covering letter...apart from that, is the procedure "exactly" the same?

meaning: apptmt from ttsvisas.com, book slot, and go there?

is there anything like apptmts for 2nd timers only after 12 noon?

is it a must that we will be assigned some other officer for the interview? or is it on luck?

he did not tell me that i could reapply. just said-sorry cant help u. and also added: have a good day. wow.

i dont know about the other consulates: ppl with bro/sis in the US, on whatever visas, and if u r applying at the Delhi consulate, PLEASE DO NOT DISCLOSE THAT. i thought i could reason my way through, but 4got 1 important thing, THERES NO TIME FOR ANY REASONING WHATSOEVER.

so DONT bank on anything.,just say that u have NO one there. i will never be able to emphasise enough on that., i have my fingers all burnt, and u know how, and u should know what to do.

and please, the INS..FBI or whatever, has enough work on their

hands, they wouldn't bother doing any tracking business. This is so absurd, y didn't I do just that? actually, quite unfortunately, I did know, but I thought I could explain.

Thx a lot for all the help I have got from all u guys, I did not know zilt about the visa process before I joined the group. well, I can only hope, that I could thank you on a much happier note., and well, hopefully will, after I get my visa.

guys, please suggest/ pass any info u may have.

regards,
soubhagya kumar dash

Friends,

I was denied the F1 for the second time today at Mumbai consulate this time by Cole. This I guess is almost the final nail in the coffin for me and I guess I have to bid my US dreams goodbye. I was hoping to go to VTech for MSCS.

This is what happened today :

Cole : Morning..

Me : Morning, how you doing today ?

Cole : Doing great.. how are you doing ?

Me : Just fine.

Cole : Did I interview you the last time ?

Me : No Sir.

Cole : OK, where else did u apply to ?

Me : blah blah blah..

Cole : How many admits ?

Me : 2 admits..

Cole : What were doing for the last 2 years ?

Me : I hv been working as a software engineer @ xyz.

Cole : Dinesh, I cant issue you the visa this time around.

Me : stunned again, Sir may I know the reason..

Cole : I am not sure ur a legitimate student. You may leave.. handed out all the shit back to me.

Thats it folks. I feel dejected at not being able to cross the final hurdle after an year of hard work and running around. I hv no option now but to apply in writing, if anyone here can direct me to any good consultants who can help me get thru this. I m too low on confidence now.

Thanks,
Dinesh.

Hello all

I was rejected visa under section 214b on july 5.

Background:

GRE:2040 TOEFL:280

ACADS: CGPA 9.65/10.00, Electronics & Commn. Engg.

Thapar Institute of Engg. & Tech,Patiala.(graduated in 2000)

Working for last two years with Hughes Software Systems,Gurgaon.

Current designation: senior software engineer

Program: M.S in EE (sp: wireless commn.)

Admits: PennState, Rutgers, UFL without any AID.

Rejects: Umarryland,Vtech,Purdue

Intend to go to Pennstate.

Interview:

me: good morning sir

Consular: morning.

I gave my passport,I-20 and visa application.

Consular checked my passport and grimaced on seeing an empty passport i.e without any other visas.

He looked at the ds-156 and penn State I-20.

Background info:

I wrote in ds-156 that iam working as senior software engineer in a communication software firm.

Total pennState cost is \$26,201/year.

My pennS I-20 shows around ~ \$ 21000 against personal funds and ~ \$ 5201 against family funds. Total = \$26201.

(I have taken education loan of Rs 8.5 in my name. Plus i have Rs 2 lacs as my own savings. So that makes around \$ 21000 as my personal funds. Family funds = Rs 6 lacs ~ \$ 12000)

Consular: Who is going to fund ur study.

Me: Self and parents

Consular: r u are working

Me: yes sir for past 2 years

Consular: Can i see ur pay slip

I gave him my latest payslip. (It indicates my take home salary as Rs 25000 and gross:rs 34000..i haven't made any tax savings investments and have been paying full tax)

Consular: Are u married

Me: No sir

(In the meantime he was filling office space column of ds-156..)

Consular: Do u have any children

Me: No sir

Consular: Iam sorry i won't be able to issue u visa "today".

US law doesn't allow students to work there. It is very "hard" these dayz to issue visas to people who haven't been to us or europe. U are taking home only Rs 20000. u don't seem to prove strong economic ties here.

Now i was totally confused..he had given me every reason in this world

to reject my visa without seeing ANY other single document except visa appl., I-20 and my payslip !!!

I couldn't deduce at that moment that whether i had been rejected for:

- lacks of funds
- potential immigrant
- or sthg other..

(later i realized that he had taken me as an potential immigrant)

then when i tried to explain him things..he simply refused to listen and said that "i have made my decision. have a good day" and threatened to call the guard if i insisted.

I was totally shaken by their indifferent attitude and lack of courtesy to atleast 'listen' to a person before making such a big decision.

Now i want to reapply (at delhi only). This time i intend to get a letter from employer stating that they have plans for me when i come back.

It would be great if i can have info on:

- what time slots are given to second time applicants.
- and most importantly is it possible that i may end up facing the SAME guy again ???

looking forward to your help/info.

Thanks all.

hi people...)

my visa was rejected on 5th of july at mumbai consulate under section 214(b)...the reason being tht i had an elder sis in hte US...this is kinda how my interview went...

officer: so u r goin to GMU??

me:yes sir

officer: how wil u be able to afford it?

me : my dad works abroad and has sufficient funds..so i can easily afford it

officer: so what does he do?

me : blah blah

so he seemed pretty convinced bout that..dint even ask me for hte financial documents,.

officer: so u have a sis in the US

me : yes sir

officer: so u have a sis in the US who is with a visa

me : she is a student there and on an F1 visa

officer: but u have a sis there who has a visa

me : started to say sometng but he was talkng to some lady

then he jsut scratched his head for sometme adn said that he was sorry he had to reject my visa coz i had a sis there and he dinnt think tht i wud come back to india...

what i want to know is tht now can i not disclose in my application tht i hve a sis there??...and actualy right now my sister is in india on vacation...so i can show her passport as a proof tht she is here and tell them tht the only reason i had mentioned tht i had a sis was coz her F1 visa was still valid ...but she has already graduated and returned to india..wud be alright if i stuck to this or is better if i again mention in my app tht i have a sister there?

please help me out..

bye for now..)

devi :)

Hi Folks....

I am Vinay Puri and with financial aid got my Visa Rejected from Delhi

I will be goin again within few days from delhi consulate...

Can any please tell me what is the exact procedure for the same...

In my 1st attempt I was rejected in less than 60 Sec..under sec 214b..

Regards

Plz do reply

Vinay

My first Visa exp as follows:

Me: Good Morning Sir,
(he nodded his head)

He: Plz gimme U r passport and I-20..
(I handed over... he read it throughly)

Me: I have got financiAL AID TOO..I handed over financial aid letter..also but he din't bother to look at that....

He: Have ever made any trips abroad.
Me: No sir.

He: Do U have any relative in USA.
Me: No Sir.

He: Have U ever been employed during U r undergradaution.
Me: No Sir.

He: Have U ever got any offer for employment during Undergradaution.
Me: Yes Sir, I got campus placed from college in a MNC.

He: than why U want to go to USA.
Me: Sir, I have great inclination for Studies rather than Job.

He: Oh, so U have got an option.
(than he started writting something and here I guess he made his point)
He: I am sorry that I can't issue U a visa under section 214b also u don't have trips abroad.

Me: But sir... U just have a look on my documents.

He: I am sorry, I can't , I can understand U r position.

That's it...I am unable to Understand...

hi guys

got rejt from chennai on 17th july

the lady wasnt there for my batch 830 am but the chewing guy was in a pretty baaaad mood i guess....

for i got ambushed for a non issue, which became an iSSUE suddenly...THE FUND

FLOW STATEMENT

i got admit at TAMU for Ms in ARchitecture. toefl 287, gre 540.ver, 610.anal, 600.quan

didnt have any aid but cuz my mom and dad were bank employess and since mom hd

taken VRS my financial scene was pretty gre8...

i had graduated 1999 since then worked in 2-3 firms and also have my private architectural practise

also am working in a NGo organisation called C_EARTH which undertakes architectural, planning , urban design cinsultancy and some charitable work. i dont make much from herre (7k) since we started it ourselves, me & friedns of mine. but my privete practise prretty ok

also i got a leave sanction letter from the director of C-EARTH just in case

so here goes what happened (whatever i can remember)

me: gmornin...

VO : (think this was the chewing gum guy who cheks all docs and takes a lotta time) yeah

so where r u goin?

me TAMU

VO: oh (impressed ...) what for???

me ms in arch

Vo:y didnt u get any aid

me: well i think the university must be pretty tight on reasearch fund right now (i didnt know y i didnt get aid until after i finished the interview and chkd my mail- aand the reason was (gaaaaaawd!!!!) they hadnt as yet send the final fin aid decisions to the admissions office- my grad coordinator mailed me this askin if i needed any help)

Vo:so y TAMU

ME: i start out on my course preference in arch preservation

VO: (cuts in right after my first line, with a not soooo impressed __expression)
whats this we have here (he takes out the fund flow statemtn, turns around asks
pete how many of these have we seen..guffaws away) turn back and asks me who
has been helpin you out..

me: (maaaaaan was i getting tense didnt expect ne probs from this) one of my
frineds had sent it to me since he had used it

vo: oh yeah? mebbe next time around u will have second thghts on gettin g help

me: (he must have tht i applied throo some agewncy or sumthin) sir i got this
frommy friend who mailed to me and i filled all particulars myself

vo: (starred throwing things at me) who do u think can help u get the visa?

me : (recoverring somewhat) noone but u sir

vo: yeah (nodds)

vo:when did u graduate

me: 2000 (shit@#%^ i graduated 1999, this just slipped out)

be4 i could correct

he takes my degree certificate

VO:hey this sez u passed out 1999

me: sorry sir my mistake

vo: where r ur marklists?

he had thrown them back sometime b4

i gave it back

vo: so u had to write 2 subs again??

me: (my supplimentary marks for 2 subjects i had to reappear were also there)

oh i fractured my arm during that yr and couldnt finish those exams- which was
the truth)

vo: (disbelief in his eyes or was i seeing/assuming it)what have u been doing
since??

me: been workin with 2-3 firms

b4 i could complete

vo: whats ur income?

me: 7k and.....

vo: 7k?

me: yeah and i have pr.....]

vo: u got passbooks

me gives it to him

vo: flings it back after chekin it (it had bulk entries of fd transfers for
which i had a certificate from the bank)

vo:mebbe next time u apply u will be wary of getting.....(didnt get wht
foloowed clearly but think it was ...help from others...)

gives me the passbooks and

me: dunno what i said

vo: i will give you the reasons for you when u apply again

takes out the #\$\$%&* form ticks 214b or whatever and gives it back

ME realises i got SHOT DOWN

thats about it

SO FELLAS WHAT DO U THINK?

GIMME SOME CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE SO I CAN MAKE AMENDS
WHEN I REAPPLY NEXT WEEK

HURRY GET THOSE BRAINS WORKIN AND GIMME SOME
SUGGESTIONS

GAAAWD OF ALL THINGS THE FUND FLOW STATEMENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

but for all those who r still heading for the consulate

be coool dont let him dictate the speed of the conversation if u can

answer coolly and confidantly and if he doesnt ask u enough questions for u to

elaborate.. linkup ur answers dont randomly jump from one answer to another one

which he didnt even ask u about

under the fin docs section of the folder just put the fin affidavit all the

rest keep it with u and give only docs which he asks u for

THE TALL DUDE AND ANOTHER GUY (BALDING GUY) WAS GREAT

MORE OKS than NAYS

THE CHEWING GUM GUY AND BALD AND BEARDED GUY WERE

TAKIN GTHERE TIME

and till the time i got to him his % was more or less 70-30 rejt/acceted

ciao

fingers crossed for the next time

Deepak S

hello friends,

I got visa rejection on 17th . I was interviews by a blonde

lady with specs. I was heading to UT,Arlington and i had GRE: 1650 and TOEFL:

267 undergraduation in electrical engineering

She asked me following questions :

Lady: how do you do sir ?

Me: I am fine madam, what about you ?

She : I am okay.

Then she looked at my I-20 and application form and asked

she : What do you plan to study there ?

me: MS in electrical engineering with specialization in VLSI

She: When did you complete your B.E. ?

Me: In the year 1998

she: What were you doing till now ?

Me: I was working in a Research institute as an Engineer .

She: what exactly you was doing there ?

Me: I am engaged in design,Fabriaction ,testing and commissioning of Electrical and Electronics circuits.

she: who is sponsoring you ?

Me: My cousin. (the situation began to getting tense from here)

She : where does he lives ?

Me: in USA

She: What does he do there ?

Me: He is working as a design engineer in Texas Instruments.

She: Show me your GRE score card.

Me: I gave her both GRE and Toefl score cards

She: What does your father do ?

Me: He is working as an Officer in the State government

She: other university where you have been accepted ?

Me: NJIT and University of missouri,Columbia

She : any other siblings ?

Me: I have one sister who is married and working as a lecturer in the stat government's engineering college.

She: sorry sir ,I can not work in your favor. and she gave me a rejection letter

me: But why madam ?

She: You are going for illegitimate course.

Me: I beg your pardon !! please explain me again.

She repeated the same words.

Me: Madam if you have some specific doubt ,please let me know , i can clarify it.

She: the reason for rejection is written over the rejection letter.

Me: Madam ,please reconsider my case, i can clarify your doubts

She: i have made my decision and told me to leave counter .

But i didn't leave the counter and keep on requesting her. She get annoyed and left her counter and asked her colleague to explain me to leave the counter and then i left the counter .

Can anybody explain me what should i do now ?

should i reapply with the I-20 from a uni. where VLSi is not offered ? Should i have indian sponosr ?

Or should i choose the uni. which is located in state other than the state where my cousin lives ?

good bye and hoping to hear from you all.

Hello friends

This is maulik shah...

I am rejected for the 2nd time from Mumbai consulate.

The interview went good, but i dont know what went wrong.

There was a thin guy smart...he gave 4 visa's standing before me.

My interview

Me. How are you doing sir

Officer: No response

Officer: Mauuuliik .

Me Maulik shah sir

Off. how many universities you applied to

Me 6 sir

Off. how many admits

Me 3 sir

Off. name them

Me. named the university

Off. what was ur undergratudate

Me. BE mechanical sir

Off. from where

Me. S.P.University V.V.Nagar sir

off. what was your acad

Me. Thru out first class sir

OFF. plese show me your GRE score card

Me. showed him (He noted down on my visa form)

Off. why this university

Me. blah blah..

He was impressed by my gre quanti and anal score and also from my acads when i said thru out first class.

Off. whats ur father doing

Me. blah blah

Off. whts his annual income

Me. so much.,

So far it was good, but then he lookked at my first visa form and then.....he decided this.....

Then he said sorry but I think you would not come back to india.....and thats it.....

Maulik shah....
