

Tennessee State University - International Student Admissions Guide

Welcome to TSU

Tennessee State University welcomes students from around the world to a diverse and inclusive academic community. At TSU, international students can experience high-quality education, cultural exchange, and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

For assistance, contact admissions@tnstate.edu.

Who is Considered an International Applicant?

You are classified as an **international applicant** if you:

- Are **not a U.S. citizen**
- **Do not hold a U.S. Permanent Resident visa**

Students with **dual citizenship (U.S. and another country)** should apply as **U.S. citizens**.

More information: [Visit International Affairs @
https://www.tnstate.edu/international/index.aspx](https://www.tnstate.edu/international/index.aspx)

International Application Deadlines

For Students Currently in the United States

- **Spring Semester**
 - Application Deadline: **December 1**
 - All documents due by **December 15**
- **Summer Semester (Transfer Students Only)**
 - Application Deadline: **May 1**
 - All documents due by **May 15**
- **Fall Semester**
 - Application Deadline: **July 1**

- All documents due by **August 1**

For Students Currently Overseas

- **Spring Semester**
 - Application Deadline: **November 1**
 - All documents due by **December 1**
- **Summer Semester (Transfer Students Only)**
 - Application Deadline: **April 1**
 - All documents due by **May 1**
- **Fall Semester**
 - Application Deadline: **June 1**
 - All documents due by **July 1**

More information: [Admission Deadlines @
https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/deadlines.aspx](https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/deadlines.aspx)

International Admissions Requirements

Step 1: Submit Your Application

- Apply via **CBCA** or **FTP**
- Application Fee: **\$25.00** (payable by check, money order, or debit/credit card)
- More information: [Apply Now @ https://www.tnstate.edu/apply/](https://www.tnstate.edu/apply/)

Step 2: Submit Required Documents

- **High School Transcripts**
 - Must be original if from outside the U.S.
 - Official credential evaluation required (SPANTRAN recommended)
 - HiSET or GED accepted
 - U.S. high school transcripts must list the **graduation date**
- **College Transcripts (if applicable)**
 - U.S. transcripts must be sent via **Clearinghouse, Parchment, Naviance, eScript, or JST**
 - Foreign transcripts must be **evaluated** by an approved agency

Approved Credential Evaluation Agencies

- [World Education Services \(WES\)](#)
- [Josef Silny and Associates](#)
- [SPANTRAN](#)

- [Educational Credential Evaluators \(ECE\)](#)
- [International Education Evaluations \(IEE\)](#)

Step 3: Submit Test Scores

- **Freshman applicants under 21** must submit **ACT or SAT scores**
- Students whose **native language is not English** must submit one of the following:
 - **TOEFL iBT: 61**
 - **IELTS: 5.5**
 - **Duolingo: 75**
 - **Pearson PTEA: 50**
 - **12 hours of U.S. college credit with a minimum 2.0 GPA**

More information: **English Proficiency @**
<https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/international.aspx>

Visa & Financial Requirements

Step 4: Submit Passport and Visa Documents

- **Passport Identification Page**
- **F1 Visa and I-20** (for transfer students already in the U.S.)
- **I-94 and current student visa** (if applicable)

Step 5: Submit Bank Documents for Visa Processing

- Financial documents must show the ability to cover at least **one full year of study**
- Documents must be **notarized and dated within six months** of enrollment
- Contact oia@tnstate.edu for estimated financial requirements

More information: **International Affairs @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/international/>

Health & Immunization Requirements

Step 6: Submit Health Forms

- **Certificate of Immunization (MMR1/2, CP1/2)**
- **Meningitis & Hepatitis B Vaccinations**
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Test Results**

Submit forms to **studenthealthservices@tnstate.edu**

More information: [Health Center @ https://www.tnstate.edu/healthcenter/forms.aspx](https://www.tnstate.edu/healthcenter/forms.aspx)

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **International students are not eligible for U.S. federal financial aid**
 - **Some merit-based scholarships** may be available
 - More information: **Financial Aid & Costs @ <https://www.tnstate.edu/bursar/fees.aspx>**
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Additional Resources

- **Visit Campus @ <https://www.tnstate.edu/visit/>**
 - **Meet the Recruitment Team @ <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/recruitment/>**
 - **Parent Resources @ <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/parents.aspx>**
 - **Contact Admissions @ <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/contact.aspx>**
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TSU Highlights

- **Carnegie Classification:** High Research Activity (R2) University
- **Military-Friendly:** Certified "Vets Campus"
- **Located in Nashville, TN**
- **Diverse student life and academic programs**

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