

THE INTERVIEW

THE most important thing that you can carry with you at the time of interview is your self-confidence. Applicants, who are well prepared and confident in their responses to the visa officer, are almost always successful in getting US F-1 visa.

- 1) Know what your reasons to study in the USA
- 2) Know specifically why you have chosen a particular university
- 3) And what your career goals are.
 1. An answer like, I chose the University of Texas at Austin because it's well-ranked school is not convincing and can create doubts in the officer's mind that you don't know why you have chosen this university. However, an answer such as, The University of Texas at Austin has a very strong business programme with electives in international finance, marketing and entrepreneurship. The university has a trading room and I will get practical experience while I am studying is more convincing and shows that you have done your homework.
 2. Similarly, saying my career goal is to set up my own company is not enough. My career goal is to return to my country and set up my own business dealing in plastics. My business will cater to the needs of Southeast Asian countries and will be global in nature sounds like a more well thought business plan.
 3. Getting scholarship makes the case stronger.

Before you go for Interview.

- 1) Know where your documents are placed in your file. You may be asked for any proof of your assets ranging from fixed deposit receipts to jewellery evaluation papers. You should be able to quickly remove your documents and pass them for evaluation to the visa officer. Practice removing your documents from home and make sure you know what documents you are carrying with you. Just this one time, don't rely on mummy and daddy and prepare your visa file yourself.

Even though the US consulate discourages applicants from bringing property papers, it's a good idea to take your property papers with you.

Some Common Questions for Visa Interview.

- 1) Why you are going to US?
- 2) Name the Institution you are going for and why this Institution?
- 3) Where it is located geographically? And how you came to know about this institution?
- 4) Have you applied to any other institution? What happened to them?
- 5) Program you are going for?
- 6) Tell me something about course structure. Method of evaluation and name of the faculty. Length of your program? And how much it is costing.
- 7) Similar programs are available back home also. Why you do not do in India?
- 8) Who is going to fund your cost of education and how?
- 9) Details about your sponsor and what they are doing, their family size and annual flow of income.
- 10) Details about your sibling? Where they are and what they are doing.
- 11) What are your future plans?
- 12) Do you have any relatives in USA?
- 13) What are your scores in your competitive exams? i.e GRE/GMAT/SAT/TOEFL/IELTS