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Foreign Education Services

USA VISA KIT

LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE TAKEN FOR F₁ VISA

- Web Appointment Receipt \$160
- Sevis receipt \$ 350
- Visa application forms duly filled and signed. (DS-160)
[WWW.USTRAVELDOCS.COM]
- Original Passport.
- Original I-20 duly signed by the student
- TOEFL/IELTS & SAT score reports original.
- C.A Certificate.
- Original Bank Certificate with transaction statement or passbook
- (Minimum 6-12 Months transaction statement)
- Affidavit of support from sponsor's duly notarized.(Rs. 20/- Bond Paper)
- Affidavit by the student duly notarized. (Rs. 10/- Bond Paper)
- Academic documents: -
 - Intermediate Marks memo.
 - 10th Class Marks Memo.

All supporting documents like

- C.A. Supporting documents which include Xerox copies of sale deeds, LIC Policies, NSC certificates, fixed deposit certificates etc.
- Valuation report.
- Form 16 of IT of sponsors or salary pay slip.
- Show evidence for your Liquid Cash.

Applying for a Student Visa: A Step-by-Step Guide

Give the U.S. embassy no excuse to question your academic standing, and show in as many ways as possible that you will return home."

— Computer science student from the United States

To apply for an F-1 student visa, you must have a valid I-20 form; for the J-1 visa, you must have the DS-2019 form; and for the M-1 visa, an I-20M-N form. Your U.S. university will send you the appropriate form after you have been admitted and after you have certified your available finances. When your form arrives, check the following:

- Is your name spelled correctly and in the same form as it appears on your passport?
- Is the other information — date and country of birth, degree program, reporting date, completion date, and financial information — correct?
- Is the form signed by a university official?
- Has the reporting date ("student must report no later than...") passed? If so, the form expires and cannot be used after the reporting date.

If your I-20, I-20M-N, or DS-2019 is valid, you are ready to apply for the visa.

If you are required to attend a visa interview, be aware that they usually last an average of three minutes, so you must be prepared to be brief yet convincing. Be confident, do not hide the truth, or lie — U.S. consular section staff have a lot of experience and can easily identify when people are not being truthful about their visa application.

In order to issue your visa, the consular officer must be satisfied on three counts:

- First, are you a bona fide student? The officer will look at your educational background and plans in order to assess how likely you are to enroll and remain in college until graduation. If you are required to have an interview, be prepared to discuss the reasons you chose a particular college, your anticipated major, and your career plans. Bring school transcripts, national examination results, and SAT or TOEFL scores (if these tests were required by your college), and anything else that demonstrates your academic commitment.
- Second, are you capable of financing your education, your living expenses, and the expenses of any dependents who may be traveling with you? The U.S. government needs assurances that you will not drop out of school or take a job illegally. Your I-20 or DS-2019 form will list how you have shown the university you will cover your expenses (and those of any family members who will accompany you), at least for the first year. Provide solid evidence of any scholarships, grants, or loans you have been awarded, and of your sponsor's finances, especially sources and

- amounts of income. If you are being sponsored by your family or by an individual, how can you show that your sponsor is able to finance your education? Your chances are improved if your parents are sponsoring your education. If anyone other than your parents is sponsoring you, you should explain your special relationship with this person, justifying a commitment of thousands of dollars to your education. Provide solid evidence of your sponsor's finances, especially sources and amounts of income. This assures the consular officer that adequate funds will be available throughout your four-year college program. If your sponsor's income is from several different sources (such as salary, contracts, consulting fees, a farm, rental property, investments), have the sponsor write a letter listing and documenting each source of income.
- Third, are your ties to home so strong that you will not want to remain permanently in the United States? Under U.S. law, all applicants for nonimmigrant visas are viewed as intending immigrants until they can convince the consular officer that they are not. Note that if you are traveling on a J-1 visa, a two-year rule usually applies, whereby after you have finished your studies in the United States you cannot apply for an immigrant visa for the United States until you have spent two years back in your home country.

Overall you must be able to show that your reasons for returning home are stronger than those for remaining in the United States. The law states that you must demonstrate sufficient economic, family, and social ties to your place of residence to ensure that your stay in the United States will be temporary.

Economic ties include your family's economic position, property you may own or stand to inherit, and your own economic potential when you come home with a U.S. education. The consular officer will be impressed to see evidence of your career planning and your knowledge of the local employment scene.

For family and social ties, the consular officer may ask how many close family members live in your home country, compared to those living in the United States. What community or school activities have you participated in that demonstrate a sincere connection to your town or country? What leadership, sports, and other roles have distinguished you as a person who wants to come home and contribute your part?

Nonimmigrant Visa Photograph Requirements

Nonimmigrant Visa applicants need to upload their photograph as per the required specifications while filling up the Visa Application Form DS-160 on the state.gov website.

You are advised to also carry a copy of your photograph to the Embassy / Consulate on the day of your interview.

Nonimmigrant visa applicants scheduled at the Mumbai Consulate need to

submit their photograph along with their application packet to the VFS Centre in Mumbai, Ahmedabad or Pune.

Immigrant Visa applicants need to submit their photos at the VFS Centre along with their documents.

Specifications of Photograph required for the Visa Application form

Kindly click on the following link to check the photo specifications

http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3877.html

SELF AFFIDAVIT

I, _____ S/o (or) D/o. Mr/Ms. _____ aged _____ years, resident of _____, Andhra Pradesh, India, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. I am a citizen of India bearing a Passport No. _____.
2. I am being sponsored by my parents to complete my _____ in USA.
3. I got an admission at _____ USA.
I have sufficient financial resources to support my cost of studies and living
Expenses in USA for which I will not be a liability to the government of USA and any of its agencies during my stay in USA. I will return back to India after completing my _____.

DEPONENT

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

We, _____ S/o _____ and _____
W/o _____ here by solemnly affirm as follows:

1. That we are the parents of _____ a citizen of India and holder of
passport No. _____. He/She has been granted admission to
undergo
his/her _____ at
_____ U.S.A.
2. We are sponsoring him/her for his/her higher education in U.S.A.
3. The cost of his/her education in US would be _____ per year as
indicated in his I-20. (Including living and other expenses).
4. We own movable properties worth Rs. _____ which is equivalent to US
\$ _____.
5. We own Immovable properties worth Rs. _____, which is
equivalent to US \$ _____.
6. Our Annual Income is Rs. _____ which is equivalent to US \$
_____.
7. He/she shall be proceeding to U.S.A. with the sole aim of completing his
course. His additional qualifications and exposure in U.S.A. are bound to
enhance his career opportunities here in India.
8. We hereby undertake to maintain, sustain and render all financial
assistance to him/her so as to enable him/her to continue his studies
uninterrupted.

For this purpose we shall not hesitate to utilize/realize the above-mentioned
income/properties for the purpose of his/her education in the U.S.A. Hence he
will not be a public charge to the Government of U.S.A.

Solemnly affirmed on this
Day the _____ at
Hyderabad, India.

DEPONENT (1)

DEPONENT (2)

BANK STATEMENT FORMAT

To Whomsoever It May Concern
certificate

This is to certify that Mr/Mrs. XXXXXXXX is maintaining a Savings Bank
Account bearing A/c No. XXXX and the balance in the said Account on dd-

mm-yyyy is Rs. xxxx (Rupees in words) which is equivalent to US \$ (amount).
 The rate for the US Dollars is taken as Rs. 65.00.

This Certificate is issued on the specific request of the account holder
 without any obligation and liabilities to the Bank or any of its officers.

Seal & Signature
 of the Bank Manager

Format for Chartered Accountant Certificate

(On the letterhead of the C.A.)

I, Mr/Ms. _____ fellow member of the Institute of
 Chartered Accountants of India, have reviewed the financial condition of
 Mr/Ms. _____ to pay the first year educational costs at the _____
 _____ place _____ U.S.A. which have
 been estimated at US \$ _____

Source of Fund	Indian RS.	Equal \$	Reference
a) Scholarships	xxx	xxx	
b) Savings in India			
1. Cash assets	xxx	xxx	1.0
2. Immovable Assets	xxx	xxx	2.0
c) Savings abroad	xxx	xxx	
d) Income from India	xxx	xxx	
e) Loans	xxx	xxx	
f) Other sources	xxx	xxx	
	_____	_____	

xxx

xxx

- NOTES:** 1. The amount is rounded off to the nearest units.
2. Exchange rate of Rs. 65/- per us \$ adopted
3. The applicant is sponsored by his/her parents.
4. _____ bank, place vide
 No. _____ dt. _____

ANNEXURE

a) MOVABLE ASSETS :

National Savings Scheme A/c no.	xxx
Unit Trust NoS...	xxx
UTI – Monthly Income Scheme	xxx
Master Equity Plan	xxx
Master Gain	xxx
LIC Policies	xxx
Furniture & Jewellery	xxx
Vehicles (Evaluator certificate)	xxx
All other Shares & Debentures	xxx
(at present market value)	

b) IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES :

1. Immovable residential property at (address) xxx
 measuring _____ Sft. Site area and built area
 sft., as valued by (name of the Govt. evaluator) report
 dated . . .
2. Immovable residential site No. _____ located in xxx

survey No. _ _ _ _ _ in (address), measuring east to west.

3. Immovable agricultural land located at (address) xxx
 as valued by (Name of the evaluator).

4. Machinery (if any) xxx

TOTAL - xxx

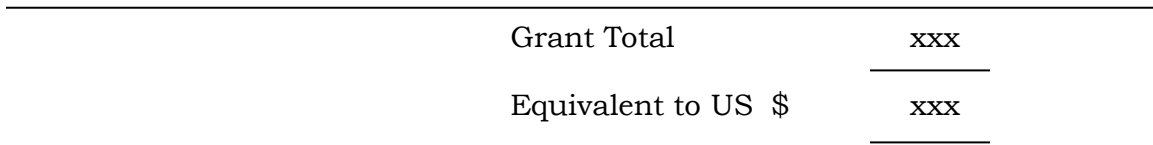
INCOME STATEMENT

c) BANK BALANCE :

Nature of Account and A/c No.	Bank	Amount Rs.
S.B. A/c No . _ _ _ _ _		xxx
Current A/c No . _ _ _ _ _		xxx
FDR No. _ _ _ _ _		xxx
FDR A/c No . _ _ _ _ _		xxx
Other accounts		xxx
Total		xxx

d) ANNUAL INCOME :

Salaries (salary certificate or pay slips)	xxx
Rents (from Houses or shops etc. Rent declaration certificate)	xxx
Income from Agricultural land (Income certificate Issued by M.R.O)	xxx
Interest from all shares and debentures(all original Certificates)	xxx
Total	xxx



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HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- Don't give lengthy answers
- Don't give unsolicited information (i.e. I have 2 brothers in Chicago!)
- Relax
- Don't give more information than is required. ANSWERS QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO INTO A LOT OF DETAIL.
- Answer confidently.

Frequently Asked Questions - Student Visas

1. **I am a foreign student currently studying in the U.S. I want to travel outside the U.S., do I need any special documents to re-enter the United States?**

Returning students may re-enter the U.S. on their valid F-1 visa as long as they have a valid I-20 with a SEVIS number even if the SEVIS number does not match the number on their visa. The immigration officers at the port of entry will check their system to make sure that the I-20 is valid. The only reason a student should need a new visa is if they're old visa has expired.

2. **Does my I-20 need to be sealed in an envelope?**

No, your I-20 does not need to be sealed in an envelope. However, you have to make sure that you carry the I-20 when you travel, as you have to show it to the immigration officer at the port of entry in order to be admitted in to the U.S.

3. **Is it required that I pay the first year tuition expenses in advance and show a receipt from the university?**

No - paying the tuition expenses in advance is a good way to show proof of funds, but it is NOT a requirement to pay in advance.

4. **What documents should I show to prove that I could pay for my education in the U.S.?**

Remember: though documents may assist you in your interview, the Consular Officer relies primarily on the interview to determine your eligibility for a visa, and only minimally on supporting documents. As for the documents you do submit with your application, there are no specific documents that prove a student is able to pay for his/her education. Bank account statements, pay slips, income tax return statements, employment letters, property documents and chartered accountant statements are the most common documents used to show proof of funds. However, these are only suggested documents. A visa is not assured if you have any or all of these documents.

5. How do I prove that I can afford to attend school in the United States?

U.S. regulations are quite clear: the applicant/sponsor must be able to explain to the satisfaction of the Consular Officer that he/she has sufficient funds to cover the first year, plus a continuing source of funds to cover subsequent years. Part 7 on the I-20 shows the amount of funding you must have available to cover each year's expenses. The total amount includes tuition and fees, living expenses, expenses of dependents (if applicable), and other expenses. You must prove that you have immediate funds available to cover the first year's expenses, and access to funds to cover the remaining years of study. For example, if you are a prospective Master's student for a two-year program, and the total cost includes \$5,000 for tuition and fees, \$5,000 for living expenses, and \$500 for other expenses (books and supplies, for instance), then you must prove that \$10,500 is immediately available to you. Additionally, you must show that another \$10,500 is or will likely be available to cover the second year.

6. What if my university does not require that I take the TOEFL or GRE?

Students whose prospective university does not require that they take the TOEFL or GRE should provide a letter from the university stating the same. However, the Consulate strongly recommends that all student visa applicants provide standardized test scores.

7. What if I have not yet received my degree certificate? May I still apply?

Yes - you may still apply, but please be sure to include your mark sheets and provisional certificate if available.

8. I have taken a loan from a bank to cover my tuition. Do I still need to show other financial documents?

You must prove that funds are immediately available to cover the first year's costs, and show evidence that funds will be available for all subsequent years. Any financial documentation you provide should be in support of this. This applies to ALL student visa applicants.

9. I have a valid H4 visa and I have got admission in to a college. Can I use the Drop Box facility?

No, as you are a first time student visa applicant applying for an F-1 visa you must use the website www.vfs-usa.co.o schedule an appointment and appear for the personal interview.

10. Can a person on a visitor visa, if he gets admission to a school and gets an I-20, change his status to student?

No. Previously, U.S. law permitted persons entering on tourist, B-2 visas to change status to F-1 visas. That is no longer the case. A non-

immigrant wishing to study in the U.S. must apply from their country of origin or residence if they wish to study in the U.S. on an F-1 visa

11. What is the SEVIS system and how does it affect me?

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) program requires schools to verify the enrollment status of all continuing and new foreign students.

For most students and exchange visitors, the SEVIS system should not affect either their ability to qualify for a visa, or the time it takes to process their case.

All I-20 forms for students and DS-2019 forms for exchange visitors now have SEVIS information printed on the forms. These new forms are printed on a single sheet of paper and have a large black bar code down the top right hand side of the form. For more information on SEVIS, click here: [SEVIS Fact Sheet](#) or contact the Foreign Student Advisor at your U.S. school.

12. I am planning to study sensitive technologies; will I experience delays with my visa application?

Possibly. Students, exchange visitors and foreign scientists who apply for a non-immigrant visa to work with or study sensitive technologies have been subjected to inter-agency security review procedures since 1998. These review procedures require the names of these applicants to be checked through law enforcement, intelligence and other federal agencies before a visa can be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant.

We are working with the involved agencies to achieve quicker processing of the applicants subject to these procedures, without compromising national security. Visas continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

US Consulate GENERAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1) Why only US?

Ans)

2) Why only this University?

Ans)

3) Tell me about your specialization?

Ans)

4) How many universities did you apply?

Ans)

5) How did you apply to the Universities?

Ans)

6) How many I-20's did you receive?

Ans)

7) What's your father?

Ans)

8) What's your father's annual income?

Ans)

9) How many brothers and sisters do you have?

Ans)

10) Do you have any friends and relatives in the US?

Ans)

11) Why less scores in TOEFL and GRE?

Ans)

12) Will you come back to India?

Ans)

13) When will you come back to India?

Ans)

14) What are the future prospects of your specialization in India?

Ans)

15) Tell me one or two professors name from the US universities?

Ans)

16) Tell me the climatic conditions at your university?

Ans)

17) What will you do if I reject your VISA?

