



Applying for a Student Visa

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Tips for Applying for a Student Visa

- Do not pay for information or assistance with the visa process.
- Be honest and always tell the truth.
- The student visa process is not a lottery system.
- Documents are not essential.
- Do your research and then tell us about it!



What do we mean, “do your research”?



Have questions about doing research?

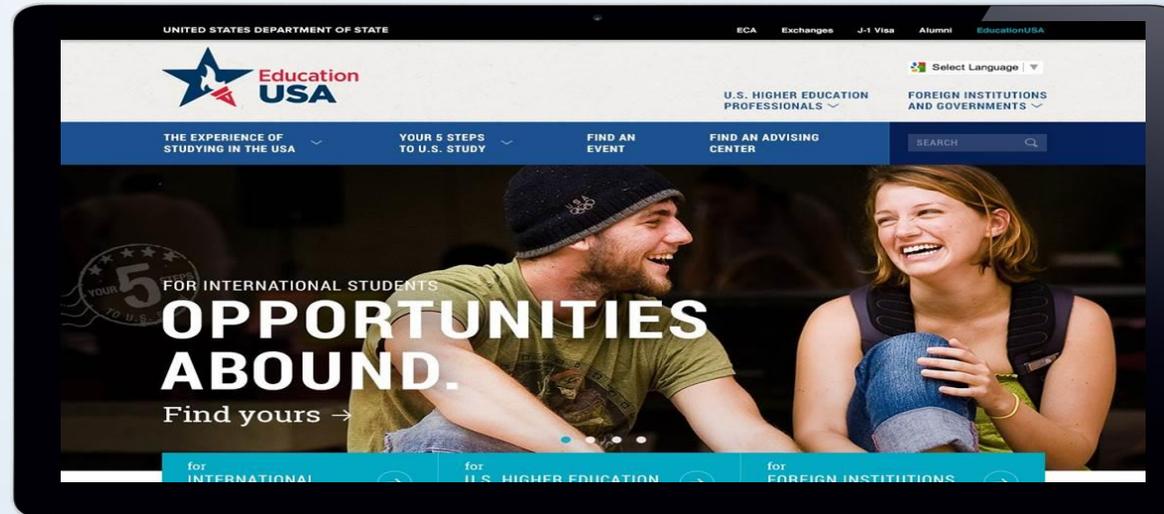
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How to apply for a student visa

Find the school that meets your educational goals

Apply for admission to the school

Request an I-20 from your school and pay SEVIS fee

Pay your visa application fee and schedule an interview

Visit the Consulate for your visa interview



The I-20 Form

- Once you have been accepted to a school, you will request this form – I-20.
- The I-20 is “The Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status”
- This form **IS** required at the time of interview.

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038	
SEVIS ID: N00XXXXXXXX			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Trojan	GIVEN NAME Tommy	CLASS F-1	
PREFERRED NAME Tommy Trojan	PASSPORT NAME	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP		
DATE OF BIRTH	ADMISSION NUMBER		
FORM ISSUE REASON CONTINUED ATTENDANCE	LEGACY NAME Tommy Trojan		
SCHOOL INFORMATION			
SCHOOL NAME		SCHOOL ADDRESS	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE	
PROGRAM OF STUDY			
EDUCATION LEVEL MAJORS	MAJOR 1 Playwriting and Screenwriting 50.0504	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000	
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 24 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient	
PROGRAM START DATE 11 AUGUST 2014	PROGRAM END DATE 13 MAY 2016		
FINANCIALS			
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 37,561	Personal Funds	\$ 0
Living Expenses	\$ 20,248	NONE	\$ 0
Expenses of Dependents (0)	\$ 0	NONE	\$ 57,909
NONE	\$ 0	On-Campus Employment	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 57,909	TOTAL	\$ 57,909
REMARKS			
SCHOOL ATTESTATION			
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.			
SIGNATURE OF: Ariel Suarez, Immigration Advisor	DATE ISSUED 16 March 2016	PLACE ISSUED Los Angeles, CA	
STUDENT ATTESTATION			
I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.			
SIGNATURE OF: Tommy Trojan	DATE		
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	DATE



Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVIS)

This program is mandated by the U.S. government and keeps a record of all foreign exchange visitors in the United States

- The SEVIS fee is \$200.00 for F and M visas
- The SEVIS fee is \$180.00 for J visas
- The SEVIS fee is \$35.00 for other short-term student programs
- A student visa cannot be issued if the SEVIS fee has not been paid



Scheduling your Interview

- To schedule an interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate visit www.traveldocs.com/vn
- Students can apply for a visa 120 days prior to the start dated listed on the I-20 form

APPLY FOR A U.S. VISA

We welcome visitors from around the globe who wish to travel to the United States.

At this website, you can learn about obtaining a visa, as well as apply for your visa.

Here you will learn:

- How to apply for your nonimmigrant visa for travel to the United States
- What documents, photos and information you need to apply for your visa
- How to access visa application forms and instructions
- How to pay your visa application fee
- Schedule your interview at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate General
- Find important information about U.S. Embassies and Consulates General

Choose your specific location by clicking on the map below.



What Information is Available on www.ustraveldocs.com/vn?

- How to apply for a visa
- What you get when you pay the visa application fee:
 - An appointment for a visa interview
 - Access to the Call Center for visa inquiries or assistance
 - Passport delivery for approved visas
- How to schedule an appointment



How to Prepare for the Interview

- ☑ Follow the instructions on www.ustraveldocs.com:
 - Complete the **DS-160**
 - Pay your \$160 **application fee**
 - Make an **appointment**

- ☑ Obtain your original **I-20** from the school.

- ☑ Register with **SEVIS** and **pay the SEVIS fee**. Remember to bring the **receipt to the interview**.

- ☑ Optional: Prepare your **transcripts (học bạ, bảng điểm)** and any other relevant documents.



The Interview Process



The Interview

Show you are a qualified student by:

- Discussing your educational background
- Demonstrating sufficient finances to pay for proposed study abroad
 - Be prepared to discuss your parents' financial situation.
 - If you received a scholarship, mention it and make sure it is on your I-20.
- Showing that you intend to complete the entire course of study
 - Make sure you can talk about your proposed course of study
 - DO NOT memorize a speech.
 - Listen carefully to the officer's questions and answer the question you are asked
- Describing your plans to leave the United States when you complete your course of study



The Final Decision

Our goal is to issue a visa to every qualified student visa applicant

- If your visa is approved:
 - You will receive your passport in the mail 2-3 business days after your interview
 - Make sure you have your I-20 with your visa when you travel to the United States
- If your application is denied:
 - You may reapply for a visa
 - You must schedule a new appointment and pay a new fee
 - You will interview with a different Consular Officer
 - Tell us what has changed between the first interview and any subsequent interviews, or what you did not tell us in the first interview



Myths about Student Visas

- Visa Quotas
- Documents = Visa Issuance
- Relatives in the United States will qualify/disqualify me from getting a visa
- There are “right” answers



Resources for Apply for Student Visa

- State Department: www.travel.state.gov
- US Travel Docs: www.ustraveldocs.com/vn
- EducationUSA: www.educationusa.state.gov
- EducationUSA email: HCMCEDUSA@state.gov
- SEVIS: www.ice.gov/sevis/students
- SEVIS email: fmjfee.SEVIS@ice.dhs.gov



Questions?



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