

A F INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES INC. A F INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

F-1 Visa Interview

Prepare the following items for the F-1 Visa Interview:

1. The original I-20 form and the admission letter sent by A F International
2. The SEVIS I-901 fee payment receipt.
3. The completed visa application, DS-160. See instructions at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
4. The DS-160 fee payment receipt.
5. A passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay in the U.S.
6. Original school transcripts.
7. Originals of your sponsor's most recent salaries or tax forms; if you are producing fixed deposit certificates, you must provide evidence that your sponsor has had this money in deposits for a reasonable amount of time.
8. One set of all financial documents (Bank Verification).
9. Any evidence which will demonstrate strong ties to your country or any other residence outside of the USA.
10. Depending on the country, obtaining a visa can range from being quite easy to very difficult. Because the requirements to apply for a U.S. visa differ from country to country, you should contact the U.S. Embassy/Consulate in your country to obtain specific visa application information.

You may find the following tips to be useful when applying for a student visa:

- Be honest when completing your visa application.
- Provide proof that you have enough money to cover the entire cost of your education during your first year of study (and adequate funds for each subsequent year of study). Provide as much financial documentation as possible to the Embassy/Consulate (such as detailed bank statements, property records, letters from your or your parent's employers, etc.).
- You must have a clear educational goal in mind when you apply for a visa. It is important for you to know about A F International. Read the information on our websites, afint.com and afiwestlake.com. If you have any questions, contact us. The consular official will be specifically looking for information about how you decided to attend A F International. Why did you choose A F International over other institutions? Reasons may include but are not limited to: high quality of English programs available, low cost of living expenses and tuition, location, a friend who currently attends or attended A F International. Think about all of this and anything else and be prepared to respond to these kinds of questions. In addition, you must convey a clear employment or study objective when you return to your home country.
- Establish a "strong tie" to your home country. These ties provide a strong incentive to return home after your studies in the U.S. Some examples of strong ties include a job that will be waiting for you when you return home; ownership of a business, house or property; a family to return to; or a bank account. Students who cannot establish a strong tie to their home country will automatically be denied a visa.

This is one of the main reasons for visa denial.

- If you are denied a visa, the consular office will notify you in writing of the specific reason. Reapply for a student visa when you can submit the missing items or documentation.

YOU MUST ESTABLISH THAT YOU HAVE STRONG TIES TO YOUR HOME COUNTRY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE VISA APPLICATION.