International Admissions Application Process

Prospective students should visit the International Student Office webpage for information and forms for the international admissions application process at www.sunysuffolk.edu/Prospects/International.asp. It is recommended to research the F-1 student visa application process at least **6 to 9 months** prior to the application deadline. Due to time restrictions, the International Admissions application packet should be submitted at least **3 to 4 months** prior to the application deadline.

A complete F-1 student visa application packet should include all of the following requirements:

College Admissions Application: Complete an Admissions Application including a non-refundable application fee

Application for SEVIS (Student Exchange Visa Information System): Complete an application for SEVIS I-20 Form (Certificate of Eligibility for F-1 Student Status)

Financial Sponsorship:

- Financial Sponsorship Certification Form (MUST BE NOTARIZED)
- Bank Statement(s)(no more than **two months old** at time of application)
- Proof of income, any one of the following:
  - Employer's salary statement on company letterhead
  - If self-employed, salary estimate from private accountant or bank
  - Income tax returns or receipts with most recent pay stub
  - Pay stubs for the last two months
  - Documentation of liquid assets

Housing Sponsorship: The Housing Sponsor must be a legal resident of Suffolk County, New York, either a citizen of the United States or a lawful permanent resident with whom the student will reside for the duration of their studies:

- Housing Sponsorship Form (MUST BE NOTARIZED)
- Proof of residence (Any one of the following)
  - Deed • Lease • Utility bill (e.g., electric, gas, oil, water)

Educational Credentials: International students must prove that their education from their home country is equivalent to a U.S. high school degree. All foreign educational credentials must be translated into English and evaluated by an accredited agency:

- World Educational Services: **www.wes.org**
- AACRAO Foreign Education Credential Service: **www.aacrao.org**
- Education Credential Evaluators: **www.ece.org**
- Globe Education Group Inc.: **www.globaledu.com**

English Proficiency: Students can demonstrate English proficiency by completing one of the following requirements:

- TOEFL Examination - a minimum score of 500 (paper-based) or 173 (computerized)
- Transcript from a recognized ESL program at another American institution
- SUNY English Proficiency Report (Complete **only** if you have finished language training from an accredited State University of New York school)

Valid passport: Copy of passport identification page, passport must be valid for at least 6 months into the future

Visa and I-94: Copy of visa and I-94 (both sides of the Arrival-Departure Record) for students in the United States

Previous I-20 forms: Copies of all previous I-20's (TRANSFERRING STUDENTS ONLY)

After you have been accepted to Suffolk County Community College and an I-20 form is processed, you can apply for your student F-1 student visa 1-2 months prior to the semester start date. If your visa is approved, you can travel to the United States and begin your studies. **Please note that you cannot travel earlier than 30 days before the semester start date.**

Application Deadlines:

Semester of Study	Outside of the United States	Within the United States
Fall Semester:	Second Friday in June	Third Friday in July
Spring Semester:	Second Friday in November	Second Friday in December

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