

Questions and Answers for International Students

Question: How does Harvester Christian Academy define “International Student?”

Answer: An international student is any non-U.S. citizen who needs a student visa to attend school in the United States.

Question: Does Harvester Christian Academy issue I-20’s?

Answer: Yes. However, HCA does not automatically issue the I-20 form. An application review must first be conducted. We will interview international student via Skype. If we admit the student we first send the Acceptance Letter with instructions about payment, then we issue the I-20.

Question: Is there a special international student application?

Answer: Yes. You can download the international student application. We will also send you email attachment for the application process as well.

Question: Is there an application checklist I can use?

Answer: Yes. Here is a checklist that should be helpful. You must send us the following:

- Completed International Student Application
- \$300 non-refundable application fee (This includes the I-20 Processing Fee and the Registration and Curriculum fees.)
- Completed Emergency Treatment Form
- Copy of student’s passport
- Recommendation Form
- Required health forms for school physical, sports physical, eye examinations and dental examinations(GA 3230 and GA 3300)-upon arrival
- Immunization records(Translated into English)
- Transcripts, standardized test scores, and a summary of your completed courses translated into English. The Release of Records Form must be delivered to your current school for completion. All standardized test scores in your records must be included with the transcripts.
- Interview with Host/Guardian family.

Question: How will I be notified of my acceptance?

Answer: Once it is determined that the applicant meets our criteria and if we have space available, we subsequently send via regular mail and email an Acceptance Letter and Tuition Statement to the family. The Acceptance Letter is our official notification that the student has been accepted to our school for the specified term. The Acceptance Letter may include specific provisions that the student or family must meet in order to complete the enrollment process.

Question: When can I make my appointment to interview with the US Consulate for my Visa Interview?

Answer: Once you receive the Letter of Acceptance you may contact the U.S. Consulate office nearest you to apply for and schedule your visa interview. In some countries such as China, Taiwan or Hong Kong, the next available interview appointment may take up to three weeks. Please note you will not be granted an interview unless you have the original signed I-20 form in your possession.

Question: Can I pay my fees with a credit card?

Answer: No. We will provide E & M international Consulting Bank wire information to you.

Question: Is there financial aid?

Answer: Financial aid is not available to international students.

Question: How long does it take for Harvester Christian Academy to issue the I-20 form?

Answer: Once our bank gives us confirmation that your payment is deposited, we will send the I-20 form. We generally send the I-20 form to the student or designated contact person within 72 hours of receipt of funds.

Question: How does Harvester Christian Academy send the I-20 to international students?

Answer: We typically send the I-20 form via US Express Mail or FedEx depending upon the country to which we are sending it.

Question: Is there anything else I should know before I leave my home country?

Answer: When you are ready to travel to the US, please bring your passport, visa document, and most importantly the I-20 form with you to your departing airport. Carry these documents with you. Do not pack them away in your suitcase. You will need to present them to the US immigration officials when you get off the plane.

Question: Will I be enrolled in ESL?

Answer: Students must demonstrate a high level of English proficiency in order to be accepted and enrolled at HCA. If a student does not meet the HCA admission requirements in English proficiency or has difficulty in enrolled classes at HCA due to English proficiency skill levels, students must enroll in a course at HCA which provides ESL classes and/or necessary online classes. Students are expected to show continual improvement in their English proficiency levels from the time of arrival at HCA until graduation.

Question: Do I need to have a guardian based in the United States?

Answer: Yes! All international students must have a U.S. residential guardian and up-to-date contact information must be provided on the application.

Harvester will provide you with host families.

Question: Do I need medical insurance?

Answer: Medical insurance forms and information must be provided to the school and is required. It is the responsibility of the student to have medical insurance coverage that extends through the entire school year. The medical insurance should provide excellent coverage of most physician visits and other accident or sickness medical expenses.

Question: Who can I contact for more information or if I have questions?

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