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UNIVERSITY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

## F-1 VISA STUDENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT (F-1) VISA

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires the English Language Institute to ensure that all students who apply for an F-1 student visa are able to pay for their education and living expenses when they are studying here. Students **may not** work off-campus while studying on an F-1 visa. F-1 students must study full time.

As of September 1, 2004 the Department of Homeland Security began collecting a SEVIS fee for all foreign citizens seeking a student visa. You are subject to this fee and must pay it and receive a return receipt before your appointment at the embassy. For more information, please call your embassy or visit the SEVP website [www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm) and review the *I-901 Fee Frequently Asked Questions*.

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### PLEASE USE THE APPLICATION FORM IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA APPLY TO THE APPLICANT:

- He or she is at least 18 years of age
- He or she intends to apply for an F-1 student visa
- Transcript from most recent school
- He or she is at least at the high beginner level. High beginner level students should know the English Alphabet and be able to speak in simple present tense. **The ELI does not accept low beginners at this time.**

### SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS 2 MONTHS BEFORE SESSION BEGINS

- Application form
- A copy of the applicant's passport
- 60 USD non-refundable application fee
- Express Mail fee (*if the I-20 is being sent out of the U.S.*)

### IF THE STUDENT WILL LIVE ON CAMPUS:

- 100 USD non-refundable housing deposit
- Proof of a negative tuberculosis (TB) test  
(*download form at [www.ndm.edu/eli](http://www.ndm.edu/eli)*)

### IF THE STUDENT IS TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION:

- Copies of *all* previous I-20s
- Transcripts from *all* previous U.S. colleges or universities

## 2017-2018 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Proof of financial support (*original bank statement\* and a letter of support*)

\* **The bank statement MUST:**

- Be original (not a copy)
- Be on bank letterhead and show the bank name, address and phone number
- Be less than six months old

**\*For students sponsored by the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM):**

You must provide a Financial Guarantee from SACM before we can issue an I-20 form. If you have an 'Admission Purpose Only' letter, we can only offer a conditional admission letter. **An I-20 will only be issued upon receipt of the final Financial Guarantee.** Original high school or college transcript in English

To request admission, you must send the ELI an original bank statement showing that you have sufficient funds to study at the ELI. The chart below shows the minimum amount that must be available.

1 session (2 months): 5,562 USD	4 sessions (8 months): 22,248 USD
2 sessions (4 months): 11,124 USD	5 sessions (1 year): 27,810 USD
3 sessions (6 months): 16,686 USD	Summer only (1 session): 5,562 USD

Please note: if you are bringing **dependents** with you (a spouse or children), you must submit the ELI Dependents Form. It should show an additional \$500 for each dependent per session of study. For example, if you will travel with your spouse, and have requested a two-session program of study, you must have 10,950USD (9,950 + 500 + 500) in your bank statement.

**Note:** *You will need to obtain two original bank statements; one to send with this application and one to take to your visa interview.*

Please send complete application packet to:

[eli@ndm.edu](mailto:eli@ndm.edu)

or

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