

USA Student Visa Documents Checklist & General Information

Entry Points, Entry Requirements, and Costs

To gain admission to a university in the USA, students need to meet both English language proficiency requirements and minimum academic standards.

- **Undergraduate:** Requires high school graduation and potentially SAT scores.
- **Postgraduate:** Requires a bachelor's degree with GMAT or GRE scores, depending on the course.

University costs in the USA vary but are comparable to other English-speaking countries. The cost of living and studying may differ depending on location.

Documents Required for Application

Offer Letter

- Pay application fee
- Academic documents up to date
- IELTS/TOEFL/PTE/Duolingo score (required for all levels of admission)
- Valid passport
- Work experience (if any)
- SAT score (for undergraduate admission)
- GMAT/GRE score (for master's degree admission)
- University/College application form
- I-20 issuance time: 4 to 6 weeks

Visa Documentation

- I-20 (Admission letter)
- All academic documents (Grade 10 to latest)
- Character, provisional, or migration certificate
- Proficiency certificate (IELTS, PTE, TOEFL, Duolingo, SAT, GRE, GMAT, or any required)
- Minimum of 2 recommendation letters
- Relationship certificate with sponsor and family members
- Sponsorship letter (can be from a third-party sponsor)
- Statement of Purpose
- Bank balance certificate & transaction history (6 months preferred)
- Income source documents (Salary, House Rent, Land Lease, Agriculture, Business income, etc.)
- Police report
- Certificate of extracurricular activities

Additional Requirements

- Pay SEVIS fee
- Visa interview (with payment receipt and SEVIS paid receipt)

Visa Information

- **Visa Type:** Student visa
- **Method of Teaching:** English
- **Interview:** Face-to-face interview with a visa counselor for visa decision
- **Intakes:**
 - Fall (September and October)
 - Spring (January and February)

Estimated Expenses

- **Tuition Fee:** \$5,000 to \$9,000 per semester
- **Living Expenses:** \$500 to \$700 per month
- **Application Fee:** \$150 (or more/less depending on the university)
- **Expected Total Expenses:** ₹10 to ₹12 Lakhs

Key Facts About the USA

- **Capital:** Washington, D.C.
- **Official Language:** English
- **Currency:** US Dollar (USD)
- **Population:** 332 million
- **Total Area:** 9,826,675 km²
- **Climate:** Varies by region (temperate to tropical)
- **Religion:** Christianity

Why Study in the USA?

- High-quality education with globally recognized universities
- Wide variety of academic programs
- Cultural diversity and numerous extracurricular activities
- Opportunities for part-time work and internships
- Strong post-graduation employment prospects.