



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

This document outlines the steps that international students need to take to enroll at Boise Bible College. Please read the information carefully and contact the Admissions Office with any questions (email: Admissions@boisebible.edu).

Step 1: Learn More About the School, Admissions Requirements, and Financial Opportunities

- Learn about studying in the United States at <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students>.
- Visit our website at www.boisebible.edu to learn about our school, academic programs, and the costs of coming to the United States to study at Boise Bible College.
 - Please note: the cost of the application process alone may be more than a total of \$385 USD for processing fees paid to the United States Government. These fees are all non-refundable.

Step 2: Complete the Admission Application Before the International Student Deadline

- To start in the Fall term (August start), the deadline is February 15th.
- To start in the Spring term (January start), the deadline is July 15th.

The application includes but is not limited to:

- Biographic and Academic Information.
- Official TOEFL Test scores: if English is not your first language.
 - Academic Requirement: 65 or Higher.
- Official Final Educational Transcripts: You must supply a copy of *all* educational credits above the eighth grade in English.
 - Academic Requirement of a 2.50 CGPA or higher.
- Letter/Affidavit of Financial Support: Assuring your financial support *and* return ticket to your native country or proof of sufficient personal funds for the same.
 - The appropriate form to use for this is Boise Bible College's *International Student Statement of Financial Support* Form. This demonstrates you/your family's ability to pay educational expenses.
 - The *International Student Statement of Financial Support* can be e-mailed to you upon request.
 - We also have a document that outlines the major direct and indirect costs for international students. That can also be e-mailed to you upon request.
 - Include any supporting documentation like bank statements, investment documents or other official sources of income translated to \$USD
- A Personal Essay.
- Copy of your Passport.
- 2 Letters of Recommendation: One from a Minister and one from a Missionary whom we recognize from your native country.

Step 3: Receive I-20 and Apply for a Student Visa

After you are accepted as an incoming student, BBC will send your I-20 Certificate of Eligibility immigration document to the email address provided on your application materials. Once you receive your I-20 Certificate of Eligibility, you should:

1. Pay the required I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee (\$200 USD), which you can do online at <https://www.fmjfee.com>. *Print and keep your receipt.* This fee is valid for 12 months from the date of payment. If you do not obtain a visa within 12 months of paying the SEVIS fee, you will have to pay the SEVIS Fee again.

2. Schedule a Visa interview appointment at the US Embassy or Consulate nearest to your home (<https://www.usembassy.gov/>).

- A. Gather needed materials. Check with your local US Embassy or Consulate for the most up-to-date Visa requirements.

Generally, the following are necessary to apply for an F-1 Student Visa:

- Admission acceptance letter from Boise Bible College.
- I-20 Certificate of Eligibility immigration document issued by Boise Bible College.
- Copy of your I-901 SEVIS fee payment receipt.
- DS-160 Nonimmigrant Visa Application, accessible at: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>.
- Receipt for payment of the I-160 Visa application fee (\$185 USD).
- A passport that is valid for at least the next six months (preferably longer).
- A recent, passport-sized photo of yourself.
- All previous academic records.
- Copies of official score reports for any standardized tests you have taken (SAT, TOEFL, etc.).
- Proof of Financial Support
- Evidence that you have strong ties and intend to return to your home country upon completion of your course of study.

3. Prepare for your interview.

When applying for a Visa to the United States, your intent should match the Visa category for which you are applying. When applying for an F-1 Student Visa, your primary intent should be to enter the United States for a temporary period to focus on studying. Please prepare accordingly for your Visa interview.

- Be sure to monitor the wait time for a Visa interview at your local US Embassy or Consulate, there are sometimes long waits for available Visa interview appointments.
- Request any copies of documents needed from Boise Bible College if you do not have them or need another copy: acceptance letter, award offer, etc.

- Prepare responses in advance for possible questions that the US Consular Officer might ask during your interview for a student Visa:

- Why do you want to study in the United States?
- Why did you choose to attend Boise Bible College?
- What do you want to study at Boise Bible College?
- How will studying in the United States prepare you for a career in your country?
- How will you pay for tuition, fees and living expenses in the US during your undergraduate degree program?

(Remember that income from working in the United States is not an accepted source of income that you can plan on to pay for education expenses. Your primary purpose in the United States is to study.)

Step 4: Begin Required Preparations for New International Students

Once you have received your student Visa and any other necessary Government Documents you can then work on the following requirements:

- Make any required monetary deposits/enrollment payments to Boise Bible College at this time.
- Boise Bible College may send you additional documents and enrollment paperwork. Complete and return those in a timely manner.
- On-campus dormitories are available for single students under 24 years of age. Boise Bible College does not have married/family student housing. If you plan to live off-campus, research and arrange housing plans.
- Report to campus on the date listed in your admission letter and if you plan to obtain on-campus employment apply for a position.
- Complete Registration and start your classes!