

HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA

To come to the United States and attend Wake Technical Community College, you must make an appointment with your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate to apply for an F-1 student visa via DS 160 Online Nonimmigrant Application. You can refer to <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html>. You MUST have your Form I-20 with you, issued by Wake Technical Community College.

Before you apply for the visa, you should understand the process and rules governing the issuance of U.S. visas. Many visa applications fail. Often it is because the student did not understand the rules or was not prepared. Don't let this happen to you! Please read the following information very carefully. It is best to refer to the U.S. Embassy's website for additional help.

When you go to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate you must have with you each of the five items listed below (#7, #8, #9 listed below are optional) to present to the reviewing official:

1. An original copy, not a photocopy, of a Financial Statement of Support. These documents must be less than three months old.
 - a. Show a strong financial ability from your sponsor's or your account.
2. The enclosed form I-20. Make sure you sign the I-20 on page one.
3. PAY the SEVIS fee at www.fmjfee.com and print your receipt.
4. The enclosed letters from the College referring Wake Tech Community College's accreditation and your acceptance letter.
5. An education plan written in English on how you are going to use your degree or English training from the U.S. This paper should be at least a half page.
 - a. What are your educational goals?
 - b. Why did you choose to attend Wake Technical Community College?
 - c. Why did you select your program of study?
 - d. How will the education help or benefit you when you return to your home country?
6. If the U.S. Embassy/Consulate has any indication that you want to stay in the U.S. after your education is completed, your F-1 student visa will be denied.
 - a. Show strong ties to your home country.
 - b. Show non-immigrant intend – You will return to your home country once your studies are complete.
7. If possible, get an official letter from a company in your country where you would like to work after you graduate. The letter should say the company will consider you for possible employment if you earn your degree in the U.S. Have the letter signed by an official from the company.
8. Copy information from the College's website at www.waketech.edu concerning your degree program or English as a Foreign Language program.
9. Seek assistance from an EducationUSA advisor and attend a visa orientation with the EducationUSA Advising Center. You can find a center in your country at <https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center>.

Good luck in your visa process and we look forward to having you as a student. Should you have any questions, please contact the International Student Office at (919) 866-6800 or internationalstudentoffice@waketech.edu. Welcome to the Wake Tech family!

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