

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Seeking Entrance to Seattle Bible College

This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. Seattle Bible College works with the USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services).

With a desire to be cooperative with the USCIS and in the spirit and purpose of the ministry of Seattle Bible College, we ask all foreign students seeking admission to Seattle Bible College and thereby seeking a U.S. student visa, to carefully and prayerfully consider the following.

Seattle Bible College is a school dedicated to the development of Christian character, biblical knowledge and understanding and leadership. If a prospective student desires to come to the U.S. for any other purpose, such as seeking some sort of resident status in the U.S. and not the above objectives (complete with the goal of returning back to their country of origin), we would ask that the prospective student *not* apply for admission to Seattle Bible College. If such a prospective student has already applied, we would further ask that in respect to the goals of both the USCIS and Seattle Bible College that the prospective student not pursue his/her admission process.

All international students will need to demonstrate a proficiency in the English Language. An international student applying for the academic program whose language skills would hinder their studies, if admitted, will be required to take tutorial English lessons at extra expense, as available. Non-native speakers of English will be required to prove their English proficiency before their application for admission will be accepted. The TOEFL test may be taken to meet this requirement. The test and/or results should be mailed directly to the College from the testing agency. In order to remain in status with USCIS, a student must maintain a minimum 12 undergraduate credits, which is considered full-time. Therefore, a student must be prepared adequately in his/her English Skills.

International Student Commitment

International students applying to SBC as F-1 Visa students are required to enroll exclusively in one of the programs at SBC. A student **may not** enroll concurrently in any other program related to another school while under SBC's F-1 Student Visa status. This policy assists the F-1 student to focus more effectively on his/her studies as a full-time student at one school, as well as to better assimilate into the life and "culture" of the SBC family. Any exception to this regulation/policy may be considered by the SBC administration at the time of application, in advance of admission approval. **A written request is to be included with the official application.** The request is to include a valid explanation of additional course/program needs outside of Seattle Bible College program.

We ask that International students applying to SBC **complete** at least one full academic year (3 quarters) with SBC before any potential change in Visa status and/or transferring to other college/program can be considered. A signed statement of commitment to the above policies is a prerequisite for admission. **Failure to comply with this policy may disqualify the student from attendance at SBC.**

Financial Obligations

A formal application should be submitted with all the required supporting documents. **If the documents are not in English, they must be translated into English before submitting them.** The application fee must be paid in U.S. funds.

Every student must provide his own transportation costs. In countries where a "return trip fare" is required, the student must make arrangements for this also (the school can grant no help to the foreign student in the area of transportation). Every student must also arrange for his own financial situation. If you cannot finance your education with your own money, you may be able to personally arrange for a sponsorship. This is when a person or institution you know is interested in sponsoring a student for schooling in the U.S. and will pay for all your expenses while you are in the United States. The school does not make these arrangements.

Information is available which will give you an idea of the costs for your stay.

Listed below are the additional requirements for the application process.

- **You must have sufficient funds available for transportation costs both to and from the United States.**

- A \$160 non-refundable fee (\$100 process fee + \$60 application fee) is due with submission of student's application for admittance.
- In addition, you must have sufficient funds available to cover tuition, housing and other living expenses for one full academic year (3 quarters). You must also indicate how you will meet your expenses for subsequent years of study.
- Proof of financial ability in addition must be sent to the school before an I-20 can be issued (for example: a bank statement and a written letter of sponsorship or adequate sponsor statement guaranteeing financial backing or any authorized statement showing financial responsibility, or an I-134 from USCIS).
- A copy of your current passport. Passport is to be valid with a minimum expiration date of at least 4 years from SBC admission date.

After you have completed the full process and have been accepted, a letter of acceptance and an I-20 form will be sent to you without further request. **This process could take at least 8 weeks to complete.**

Sponsorship Information

TO BE SIGNED by the sponsor/person responsible for the student's financial obligations:
IN SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT...

I hereby agree to be financially responsible for _____
 (Student's name)

while he/she attends Seattle Bible College. I understand that the expenses listed on the financial information sheet are estimates and are subject to change.

Sponsor's name (last, first): _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Sponsor's address: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

****The applicant must attach his/her current bank statement, or that of his/her sponsor.**

Student Declaration of Commitment

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the terms and conditions referring to the policy of **International Student Commitment** to SBC listed under **Information For International Student**.

I (**print name**) _____ promise to devote and complete at least one full academic year (3 quarters) with SBC (with no concurrent attendance related to any other school program). I understand that before any potential change in Visa status and/or transfer to another program/college other than SBC can be considered, I must complete one academic year at SBC.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

In order to process your information quickly, you are encouraged to use the fastest mail service your country provides or scan all documents and send by email to info@seattlebiblecollege.edu and Chrisw@seattlebiblecollege.edu