

MILLIGAN

First-time F-1 Visa Student Immigration Procedures

BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR MILLIGAN COLLEGE I-20

- You must be accepted for Admission by the degree program you wish to study at Milligan. Admission procedures can be found here:
 - Undergraduates: www.milligan.edu/apply
 - Graduate: <https://www.milligan.edu/gps/>
 - Emmanuel Christian Seminary: <https://ecs.milligan.edu/admission/>
- The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service requires that international students show proof that adequate financial resources are available to meet educational and living expenses. Therefore you must prepay your fall OR spring semester balance to Milligan College by contacting Deidre Greeley in Student Financial Services at DRGreeley@milligan.edu, or via phone 423-461-8706. This must be done before we issue the I-20.
- You must submit a notarized Affidavit of Support with the required financial documentation. A signature of a bank official may substitute for a notary.
- You must submit a copy of your valid passport

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- Pay SEVIS/ I-901 fee at <https://fmjfee.com/>
- Apply for the F-1 visa at the local [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#). You can enter the U.S. with your I-20 and F-1 visa no earlier than 30 days before the I-20 start date.
 - You should make your appointment at the US Embassy as soon as possible after receiving your I-20 and paying your SEVIS fee
 - For detailed tips and a list of needed documents for your visa appointment, see <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2013/04/how-to-prepare-for-your-visa-appointment>

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and <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2015/06/five-ways-to-prepare-for-your-visa-interview>

- Please check with your local embassy for required documentation for your appointment
- Plan travel to the US
- Submit Enrollment Confirmation & Housing Information Form.
- Submit Vaccination Records including Tuberculosis Skin Test.

AFTER YOU ARRIVE AT MILLIGAN COLLEGE

- Attend registration & Check-in
- Attend International Students Luncheon (Date & Time to be communicated via email)
- Get student ID made at IT Department at McMahan Student Center
- Check-in with Sue Skidmore at the Registrar's Office located in Derthick Hall, Room 103C. For this meeting remember to bring the following documents
 - passport with F-1 visa
 - I-94 "Arrival/Departure" card
 - I-20 form
- Useful information on maintaining your status can be found here <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/maintaining-your-status>

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