

Check List

- Meet the same educational requirements as a student from the United States. *See specific admission requirements for your program of study.*
- International transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluation agency (*see list below*).
You can apply online.
- Show proof of English proficiency if English is not your first language.
- Fill out and return I-20 request form.
- Financial statement from bank or financial institution.
- Copy of current Form I-20 if presently a student in the United States and a completed Transfer Eligibility Form. (*Obtain from International Student Services office.*)

Read this Information Carefully

The **Form I-20AB (Certificate of Eligibility)** allows an international student to obtain a student visa and/or F-1 status for entering the United States to pursue a full course of study. For Life University to issue a Form I-20, the following information must be received by the Office of New Student Development and approved by the International Student Services Advisor.

- Proof of proficiency in English with a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 500 or above. (You may be accepted with a lesser score but will be required to take English as a Second Language course).
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires the international student to show the university evidence of adequate financial resources to provide for at least one year of full-time educational expenses and living expenses. The student must provide a **financial statement** from a bank or financial institution. Please see the attached financial statement form for specific dollar amounts.

The financial statement or statements, which together total the needed amount, can come from personal funds, family funds, scholarships, loans, or on-campus work.

Limited **financial aid** is available to international students in the form of the International Student Scholarship and International Student Discount Agreement. Contact International Student Services for more information.

The student should take the Form I-20AB, the acceptance letter and a copy of the financial statement to a United States embassy/consulate to obtain a F-1 student **entry visa** to the United States. Canadian nationals do not need a visa; however, a passport is recommended.

An international student who is presently attending another college in the U.S. with a valid Form I-20 and wants to transfer to Life University must meet all USCIS requirements for school transfer. Contact International Student Services for more information.

The following do not need a Form I-20, but are required to **show proof of citizenship** of legal residence in the U.S.: 1) U.S. citizens born overseas show proof of citizenship in the form of a birth certificate or passport; 2) resident aliens show their permanent resident card (green card); and 3) naturalized citizens show their naturalization papers.

New international students will attend an **international student orientation** to learn required USCIS rules and procedures to maintain his or her student status. Additional topics with relevance to international students will be presented. The new international student is required to **make an appointment** with the International Student Services Office within the first 10 days of school enrollment to complete USCIS procedures. Bring I-20, passport, and I-94 to your appointment.

Contact the **Office of New Student Development** for verification of admission documents, transfer credits, application fees, deposits of acceptance and for general questions concerning your admission. All international transcripts must be evaluated by an evaluation agency (see list). Some Canadian school transcripts can be evaluated by the Office of New Student Development. Contact the Office of New Student Development for more information.

You will have frequent dealings with the **International Student Services Office** from pre-admission to post-graduation. This office will advise or counsel you on admissions, adjustment to the United States, USCIS regulations and procedures (including assisting your dependents) and most other issues associated with being an international student. For more information, contact your International Student Advisor through the Office of New Student Development.

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