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Visa and Enrollment Procedure for Foreign Nationals

Once you have been accepted into the program at The Los Angeles Film School, you will need to acquire an appropriate student visa to study in the USA at The Los Angeles Film School as a foreign national. The appropriate student visa for The Los Angeles Film School is an F1 visa, unless you are the recipient of a Fullbright scholarship, in which case a J1 visa would be the appropriate visa. However, if you are the recipient of a Fullbright scholarship, Fullbright will take care of your visa needs with you and I suggest you review the matter with your contact at Fullbright.

To acquire the F1 student visa, you will need a letter of acceptance from The Los Angeles Film School, which will be sent to you upon your acceptance into the program. In addition, you will need an I-20, which is a US Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services ("BCIS") form which states that:

- 1) you have been accepted to The Los Angeles Film School;
- 2) you meet all requirements for acceptance to The Los Angeles Film School;
- 3) you have a sufficient command of the English language to benefit from the program (all our programs are taught in the English language); and
- 4) you are in possession of sufficient funds to cover all your expenses while studying in the USA or that sufficient funds will be made available to you by a sponsor (family member or other individual or entity) to cover all your expenses while in the USA.

Prior to issuance of an I-20 by The Los Angeles Film School, you must submit to The Los Angeles Film School:

- 1) a completed International Student Information Form for the program into which you have been accepted; and
- 2) documentary evidence of your financial ability to meet your expenses while studying.

A certain amount of documentation will be required to evidence your financial ability to meet all your expenses and can be in the form of bank statements showing sufficient funds available to you (or your sponsor) or letters from financial institutions stating that sufficient funds are available to you (or your sponsor). If a sponsor is involved who is a USA citizen or legal resident, an affidavit from your sponsor testifying that he/she/they will be responsible for covering your expenses will be necessary (BCIS form I-134) which will need to be completed by your sponsor and signed under oath by your sponsor. **In addition, you may want to collect letters of recommendation from local authorities and scholars attesting to your commitment to pursue a course of study in the USA and your commitment to return home upon completion of your studies.** Please know that school policy prohibits *any* of our students domestic or international from accepting employment during the school year due to the nature of the program and to do so would jeopardize your status within the school.

Once you are in possession of the I-20 document, the I-134 document completed and signed by your sponsor (if needed), evidence of financial ability to meet your expenses in the USA and any letters of recommendation, contact the local USA Consulate or Embassy servicing your geographical area and make an appointment to apply for an F1 student visa. F1 student visas are only issued by the US Department of State and may be applied for at the US Consulate or Embassy servicing your geographical area.

If you are approved and receive an F1 visa, you may then enter the USA to pursue a course of study in the USA. Generally speaking, US Customs will allow a student to enter the USA 30 days prior to the start of an educational program for the purpose of establishing housing and acclimating, **however, please let the US Customs official at your port of entry know that you are entering the USA prior to the start of your educational program for this purpose so that the US Customs official will not note a departure date on your I-94 that is sooner than the end of the program.**

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION – September 2007 thru July 2008

Section 1: Personal Information *(Please print or type all information)*

Full Name

Last (Family): _____

First: _____ Middle: _____

Sex: Male Female Marital Status: Married Single

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
 Month Day Year

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Native Language: _____

Contact Information:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Permanent Foreign Address:

Number/Street: _____

City/State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Section 2: Financial declaration

The following grid provides an approximate cost for the 12 months you are here in the U.S. *(An additional \$12,000 will be required for each dependant included on the Form I-20).*

Tuition	US\$ 42,720
Refundable Equipment Deposit	400
Health Insurance* (\$45 per month)	540
Books, Videos, Supplies	1,100
Housing/ living expenses**	14,000
* Apple MacBook Pro	2,800
Total Estimate: US\$ 61,560	

Health Insurance coverage is required to maintain visa status and must be acquired through a health insurance provider or agent. The Los Angeles Film School does not provide health insurance. Health insurance may be arranged with the US State Department through the US Consulate servicing your geographical area.

** The Los Angeles Film School does not have housing facilities. The "Housing" figures provided here are estimates. There are many apartments available in the immediate vicinity of the school, ranging in cost from \$700 to \$1,500 per month depending upon the lifestyle of the individual student.

Section 3: Visa Information

Do you presently have a U.S. Visa? Yes No
If yes, what type? _____

Are you a transfer student in the U.S. with an I-20? Yes No
If yes, what school issued your I-20? _____

Are you a U.S. permanent resident? Yes No
If yes, please attach a copy of your green card and/or U.S. passport ID page.

Have you ever taken a TOEFL? Yes No
If yes, what was your score? _____

Section 5: Statement of Financial Eligibility

All students requesting an I-20 must demonstrate evidence of financial support for their stay in the U.S. You will need to attach a bank statement or letter with the amount indicated in U.S. dollars (this amount must be at least \$61,560.00).

Indicate the person or organization responsible for your expenses during your stay in the U.S.

- Myself
- Name of Parent (s) or Guardian _____
- Name of Sponsor _____

Please indicate the amount of total funds provided to cover all expenses while studying here in the U.S. (including tuition): \$ _____
The above total will be written on your I-20 and it will be verified by the embassy when you apply for your Visa.

Do you want to include your spouse and/or children on the SEVIS Form I-20?
 Yes No
If yes, please provide the following information: *(attach additional sheets if needed)*

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
 Month Day Year

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Section 4: Checklist

- 1. Completed Student Information Sheet (all sections)
- 2. Bank statement and/or bank verification letter
- 3. Copy of green card and/or U.S. passport ID page
(for permanent residents only)

Mail or fax to:

The Los Angeles Film School
Attn: Enrollment Services Coordinator
6363 Sunset Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90028
323-469-4160 fax

Questions:

Email: fmartinez@lafilm.com
Phone: 323-860-0789

Section 6: Certification

Applicants or sponsors should sign this statement after reading it carefully. If the sponsor fails to sign this form, any statement and/or bank verification letters in their name will be disregarded

I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Date

This is to guarantee that I accept full responsibility for the payment of educational and living expenses of the above name student during his/her term of studies at The Los Angeles Film School.

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor Signature

Date

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Should a foreign non-immigrant student attending The Los Angeles Film School under an M1 F1 Visa subsequently withdraw from the program and thus be entitled to a full or partial refund of tuition and fees as published in the applicable catalog of The Los Angeles Film School, notwithstanding any provision of the refund policy as published in the catalog, any applicable refund will only be made upon presentation to The Los Angeles Film School of appropriate documents evidencing that such a student has a) transferred to another educational institution approved to accept foreign non-immigrant students holding an F1 Visa; or b) been granted a change of visa status by the US BCIS which allows the student to remain in the USA without attending an educational institution authorized to accept foreign non-immigrant students holding an F1 Visa; or c) returned to his/her home country.