

# *South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary*



## **International Students**

### **How to Apply If You Are Already in the United States:**

South Florida Bible College welcomes students from all countries of the world. Our application deadlines for international students are as follows:

June 1	Fall Term
October 15	Spring Term
March 1	Summer Term

You can find the class schedule, Application Form, Certification of Financial Responsibility, and SEVIS Form on our website. In compliance with U. S. Immigration law, if you are interested in coming to our school, please return all the items listed below on or before the registration deadlines. **As International Students we must receive original copies of everything.**

1. [Complete Online Application](#)
  - a. [Including Signed Forms](#)
  - b. School transcripts must be translated in English
2. \$US350 for the application/registration/international student fee, non-refundable, made payable to South Florida Bible College, paid in \$US, drawn on a U. S. bank or by international money order. We cannot process your application until we receive the \$US350.
3. Completed [SEVIS Form](#).
4. Official letter from your bank in the US confirming the account and a current bank statement.
6. [Completed I-901 Form](#) which gives authority to pay the I-901 Fee of \$US 200 by VISA, Master, or American Express Card.
7. Xerox copy of your passport pages with your picture and date of expiration.
8. Xerox copy of your I-94.

## 9. Sponsor Documents:

1. [Certificate of Financial Responsibility](#), signed by both your sponsor and the applicant (you).
2. Personal letter from your sponsor guaranteeing financial support for one year in the amount of \$US 22,000.
  - a) If you are going to live with a relative you will only need \$US15,800 along with a letter from the relative guaranteeing your living expenses and a copy of their driver's license.
3. Official letter from the sponsor's bank confirming an account.
4. Current bank statements showing sufficient funds.

\*\* Personal and/or family funds must be submitted on the official letterhead stationery of the bank/financial institution, and must verify that the required amount (estimated cost of attendance) specific for your situation is available for your studies.

After we receive all of the above items, we will prepare an I-20 Form for you, which you will need to come here to sign. You can also pay your I-901 Fee on line. Payment information is available at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/> .

After you receive a receipt of payment for the I-901 Fee you then have two choices:

1. You can take the I-20 and the I-901 Receipt to the American Embassy in your home country.
2. You can contact an immigration attorney here in the U. S. and have him send your papers to U.S.C.I.S. If you chose to use an immigration attorney, you will also need to fill out an I-539 Form and buy a money order in the amount of \$US290, payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This immigration attorney will charge you a fee for his work. We do not know how much the fee is, nor if he will be able to expedite your documents in a timely way. We do not recommend any immigration attorneys. You will need to find an immigration attorney on your own.

Note: you may not work during your first year, and must take a full load of classes. For undergraduate students, those pursuing an AA or BA degree; a full load is four classes each semester (spring and fall). For the graduate students pursuing an MA; a full load is three classes each semester (spring and fall).

*We pray that God will guide you and prepare you for your studies and that your application process may progress with favorable results giving our God all glory and honor.*

*God bless and be well.*

You may contact us at [international@sfbc.edu](mailto:international@sfbc.edu).