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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Dear International Student:

Thank you for your interest in attending Kankakee Community College. We are pleased that you are considering us to help further your education. Enclosed you will find information explaining the application requirements and materials for students seeking admission with an F-1 Visa or change to F-1 status.

Please make a note of all the required documents necessary to complete the admissions process and observe the admissions deadlines. Read the following information carefully and send your Admissions Form to:

Office of Admissions and Registration
Kankakee Community College
100 College Drive
Kankakee, IL 60901-6505
<http://www.kcc.edu>

You may also contact us by:

Telephone: 815-802-8520
Fax: 815-802-8521

E-mail:

Elise Schultz
International Student Advisor
eschultz@kcc.edu

or

Michelle Driscoll
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mdriscoll@kcc.edu

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Policies

The Kankakee Community College (KCC) board of trustees has established the following procedures and requirements for the admission of international (non U.S. resident) students. This policy is established to meet the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requirements and to provide a program with academic integrity at the college while also assuring that the students' out-of-the-classroom experiences are regulated and appropriate for an international experience.

The college's board of trustees encourages having students from foreign countries study at KCC and believes that local students also will benefit by having students from other countries in their classes as well as in the extracurricular aspects of the college's programs. The exposure to various cultures, perspectives, and interpersonal relationships makes KCC a richer place for pursuing higher education.

Academic Calendar

KCC's academic calendar includes two 16-week semesters as well as a six-week and an eight-week condensed summer terms. They are as follows:

Fall Semester - late August through the middle of December

Spring Semester - early January through the middle of May

Summer Semester (six-week) - late May through the end of June

Summer Semester (eight-week) - early June through the end of July

New students may only begin their studies at the college during a fall or spring semester. Transfer students from U.S. institutions may begin in any semester.

Admissions Deadlines

- New students applying from abroad: **July 1** for fall semester and **Nov. 1** for spring semester.
- Transfer students (in F-1 status) currently attending U.S. institutions: **Aug. 1** for the fall semester, **Dec. 1** for the spring semester, and **May 1** for summer semester (eight week session). Contact Admissions for transfer information.
- Visitors with valid B1/B2 visa status* and all other non-immigrant status applicants must contact the Admissions Office for the Admissions Form and change of status information.
**Please note that under most circumstances students who enter the U.S. on a visitor's visa are not permitted or have a difficult time changing their visa to an F1 student visa, unless the visitor's visa indicates "prospective student." Please contact the KCC International Student Advisor if you have a question.*

International applicants needing an I-20 form will not be considered for acceptance until all required admissions documents are received in the Admission's Office. Once all documents have been received and approved, students will be issued a certificate for F-1 student status (I-20) along with their acceptance letter.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility

Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, have completed the equivalent of a United States secondary school education (12 years of formal education) and have the appropriate diplomas (see page 4).

Minimum TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores of 520 (paper), 190 (computerized), or 68 (Internet) are required. Successful completion of English Composition I at an accredited U.S. college or university will also satisfy this requirement. Students from English-speaking countries may be exempt from the TOEFL. For students who are already in the United States, the COMPASS placement or ACT test may be substituted. Minimum reading and writing COMPASS scores accepted in place of the TOEFL must place the student in our Preparatory II or a higher level course for both.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

KCC does not offer a US government approved intensive ESL program. Students who need to improve their English skills before entering college should attend an approved intensive English program prior to applying to KCC. It is relatively easy to transfer from an ESL program in the United States into KCC once the student has acquired the necessary language skills.

Financial Considerations

International students and their families or financial sponsor assume all responsibilities for student expenses, which will be a minimum of **US \$26,500** for each academic year. Additional funds will be required for all students planning to enroll for the summer semester.

Tuition

The tuition for students on an International Student (F-1) visa is assessed at the out-of-state rate of **US \$478.43** per credit hour, plus other fees that may apply to the specific area of study (technology fees and laboratory fees). Minimum tuition and fees average about **US \$14,370** per academic year. In special circumstances, students with sponsors residing in the college district may qualify for in-district rates.

Books and supplies

Books and supplies for one year are estimated at an additional **US \$1,090**.

Academic scholarships

International students are allowed to apply for merit-based scholarships after one year of study.

Health insurance

International students are required to have health insurance. Students must provide proof of insurance for each semester before registering for classes. Health insurance coverage is very important because of the high cost of health care in the United States and because international students are not allowed to use public health services. Health insurance may be purchased in the student's home country or in the United States. The cost of health insurance is estimated at an average of **US \$640** per academic year. For college-age students, prices may range from about \$45 a month for "budget" policies to about \$85 a month for "select" policies. A list of companies offering health coverage for international students can be found at the following link to the website of *NAFSA: Association of International Educators*.

NAFSA health insurance web link:

http://www.nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/recruitment_admissions/esl_administrati on_and_1/practice_resources_20/student_services/health_insurance

College athletes should ensure that their insurance policy will cover athletic injuries, such as the one from the company below:

<https://www.compassstudenthealthinsurance.com/?gclid=CO8p4GYrKsCFcG8KgodEkAD6Q>

Living expenses

Housing is estimated at **US \$6000** per year. Transportation, food, and other living expenses for single students with no dependents are estimated at **US \$4,400** per year. For each dependent that accompanies the student, an additional **US \$5,900** per year is necessary for living expenses.

Financial support may come from personal accounts, private scholarships, sponsoring agencies, the student's family, or any dependable source. The Board of Trustee reserves the right to change tuition and fees without notice.

Athletes

KCC offers the following sports: basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball and soccer. Only head coaches from the different sports may recruit an international student to play for their teams. Please go to <http://www.kcc.edu/athletics/Pages/default.aspx> for more information about the teams and the head coaches. Division I & II coaches may offer tuition waiver for their athletes, though it is not guaranteed.

Required Financial Documentation

The Financial Support Document should be completed and returned with the Admissions Form. This form must be accompanied by an **original** bank statement on official bank letterhead as evidence of sufficient funds to support the student's studies in the U.S. and that this support will be continuous for the duration of the student's studies. All bank statements and affidavits of support must be indicated in **U.S. dollars**, written in **English**, and current within six months of the intended beginning semester. The U.S. Embassy or Consulate will also need an **original** bank statement. Be sure to obtain **two original** statements. Send one to KCC and keep one to submit to the U.S. Embassy when applying for a student visa.

Payment of the application fee and tuition

KCC accepts payment in U.S. currency, personal check from a U.S bank, certified check from a foreign bank, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit cards.

Application fee

The application fee may be mailed with the application packet, or payment may be made by credit card. If the student requires additional information about payment or needs information about wiring in the application fee (additional charges may apply), please contact:

Beth Nunley (KCC Accounting Office)
815-802-8142
bnunley@kcc.edu

Tuition and fees

Tuition and fees are due at the beginning of each semester. KCC offers the FACTS payment plan that enables students to spread the tuition payments over the course of the semester. The student is responsible for knowing his/her government's policy about sending money to the U.S.

Required Academic Records

All official academic records from each secondary school and college/university attended should be submitted. Academic records must include an explanation of the grading or marking system. Credentials in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation; both the foreign and the English language versions are required. Please notify the Admissions Office if official documents cannot be submitted for any reason.

Evaluation of Education Credentials / Transfer Credits

Secondary schools

Proof of graduation from a secondary school, high school transcripts, and a copy of the results of any terminal or qualifying examination taken or certificates obtained should be submitted. Students must submit these credentials to an evaluation agency (see below) to determine equivalency to a U.S. high school education.

Colleges / Universities

After arrival, a "Request for Evaluation of Transfer Credit Form" must be submitted to the Admissions Office. Transfer credit equivalency will be done once all transcripts are received. To receive credit from a previously attended U.S. institution of higher education, the institution must be accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. As a general rule, in order to receive transfer credit, the course must be a credit-bearing college-level course with a minimum grade of 2.0, based on a 4.0 scale.

Transcripts from outside of the United States must be translated and/or evaluated by a private evaluation agency at the student's expense. KCC will only accept evaluations from agencies affiliated with the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) for out-of-country applicants. A list of member agencies can be found at www.naces.org/members.htm. Agencies that KCC evaluators are familiar with are:

1. Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470
Phone: (414) 289-3400
Fax: (414) 289-3411
e-mail: eval@ece.org or www.ece.org
2. World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 5087
Bowling Green Station
New York, NY 10274-5087
Phone: (212) 966-6311
Fax: (212) 739-6100
e-mail: info@wes.org or www.wes.org

Visa Information and SEVIS Fee

For international students outside the United States:

To be considered for the I-20 form, a completed International Student Admissions packet and all other required documents must be received in the Admissions Office prior to the admissions deadline.

- After receiving the I-20 form from KCC, the student must schedule an interview with a U.S. consular office to apply for the F-1 student visa. Check the U.S. Embassy website in your country for the procedures to follow.
- Students must carefully review their I-20 form immediately after receipt. If the student has a passport, the information in the passport should match the information on the I-20 form.
 - If the student does not have a passport, he or she should ensure his or her passport application has the same name as that on the I-20 form.
 - If the I-20 information is wrong, the student should ask for a replacement form with corrected information.
- Students should review student visa information at the U.S. Department of State website at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html
- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires a fee for SEVIS (a database which stores student information) **before** going to the U.S. Embassy for the student visa. The fee can be paid on-line using a credit card by filling out the I-901 form. The form can be found at www.FMJfee.com.
- The student must bring his/her passport, I-20, KCC acceptance letter, proof of the DHS SEVIS fee payment, all original documents of financial support, evidence of intent to return to your home country upon completion of the program, and a photo for the visa, if it is granted.
- When applying for the F-1 visa at the embassy, students should be aware that they are applying for temporary stays in the United States. They **MUST NOT** state that they wish to remain in the United States, and they must document their intent to return to their last country of residence after their studies are complete.
- Students must assume responsibility for the accuracy of their records and check their travel and admission papers when they are issued. Correcting mistakes on the spot is quicker and cheaper than delaying, and it prevents confusion. By accepting the conditions of their visa from the U.S. government, students have made legal commitments and need accurate records to verify their compliance.
- At the embassy or consulate, the signed I-20 will be taken and placed in a sealed envelope. Do not open this envelope. The envelope will be opened by the border inspector upon arrival in the United States.

For students already in F-1 status enrolling from another U.S. high school, college or university:

International students with F-1 status who are transferring to KCC must submit a Transfer Authorization form to the current school and notify the Admissions Office at KCC. Contact with KCC must be made at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester. A temporary I-20 may

be issued by KCC to indicate that a transfer is pending. The final I-20 showing that the transfer is complete will not be issued until all required admissions documents have been received and the student has registered at KCC.

Maintaining Visa Status

Work restrictions under F-1 visa

Students with an F-1 visa may work “on campus” up to 20 hours a week without prior approval. Students are not permitted to work more than 20 hours a week “on campus”, or work “off campus,” without receiving authorization from a Designated School Official (DSO) and the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS). Unauthorized employment is considered a violation of status and could result in deportation. *Note: Due to the current economy, it has been difficult to find on campus employment for international students. We encourage you to be prepared to support yourself with family or sponsorship funds during your stay at KCC.*

Maintaining eligibility

- International students are required to maintain a minimum full-time academic load of 12 semester hours of passing credit for each fall and spring semester. They are not allowed to withdraw from classes if it would result in a part-time load, and they must inform a Designated School Official (DSO) of any change in enrollment. If the student has a problem with a class resulting from initial difficulties with the English language (during the first semester only) or a serious health problem, the student **MUST** consult with a DSO to see if they qualify for an exception to the regulation.
- International students are required to obtain a DSO’s signature of approval for registration every semester of enrollment at KCC.
- International students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4-point scale to remain in good academic standing.
- International students must inform the DSO of any change in major.
- International students must inform the DSO of any change of address prior to making the change. Any violation may result in suspension and the revocation of the F-1 student visa.
- International students must file forms with the Internal Revenue Service each year, whether they have jobs in the United States or not.

It is the policy of KCC that students should plan to arrive on campus one week prior to the beginning of classes. This will allow students time for orientation, placement testing, and course scheduling.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Out-of-Country Applicant Instructions

Admission and registration for classes is prohibited prior to the completion of items listed below.

All admissions materials listed below must be submitted to Admissions and Registration before a decision is made regarding your application to KCC. Please make sure the application packet is complete before mailing it to our office or your admissions information will not be processed. The processing time for an I-20 is approximately 3 to 4 weeks from the date your completed application is received.

1. Complete the International Student Admissions Application.
2. Read and sign the International Student Agreement Form.
3. Submit a \$250 recording fee to KCC (non-refundable).
4. Submit one passport-sized photograph.
5. Submit a financial Affidavit of Support demonstrating capital adequate to pay the costs of attendance and living expenses for one full academic year (signed and notarized). This form must be accompanied by an original bank statement(s) which is less than six months old. The bank statement must indicate in **U.S. dollars** the total amount available from personal funds, family funds from abroad, or funds from any other source.
6. Submit **official** TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores for evaluation. The minimum admission score is 520 (paper), 190 (computerized), or 68 (Internet). Successful completion of English Composition I at an accredited U.S. college or university will also satisfy this requirement. Students from English-speaking countries may be exempt from the TOEFL. International students also must satisfy all other college testing requirements.
7. Request **official** transcripts (interpreted in English) of all college(s) and high school credit earned in foreign countries. Credentials must show proof of graduation from high school. (Do not send original diplomas or school records that cannot be replaced. Send certified copies or transcripts issued for this purpose.)
8. Provide a copy of valid passport.

After arrival on campus

9. If sponsored by a district resident, submit the "live-in-guest" tuition waiver. (Forms are available from the Admissions Office.)
10. Submit proof of health insurance (required). (See page 3 for a link to a list of companies providing health insurance to international students.)
11. Send a copy of your transcript(s) to one of the approved NACES organizations mentioned earlier to confirm degrees and/or credits from transcripts.

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7. Request **official** transcripts (interpreted in English) of all college(s) and high school credit earned in foreign countries. Credentials must show proof of graduation from high school.
8. Provide a copy of valid passport.
9. Submit a copy of most recent visa (even if expired).
10. Submit a copy of I-94 card (front and back sides).
11. Submit proof of health insurance (required). (See page 3 for a link to a list of companies providing health insurance to international students.)

After arrival on campus

12. If sponsored by a district resident, submit the "live-in-guest" tuition waiver. (Waiver request form is available from the Admissions Office.)
13. Send a copy of your transcript(s) to one of the approved NACES organizations mentioned earlier to confirm degrees and/or credits from transcripts.

F-1 students transferring from another U.S. institution:

Complete all of the "In-Country Applicant" items listed above, and the following additional items:

13. Provide a copy of current I-20 document; list I-20 expiration date.
14. Request official transcripts from previous U.S. schools attended showing cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
15. Provide the International Student Transfer Verification Form (Section I completed by student; Section II completed by the International Student advisor from the previous school.)

Note: Students who, for whatever reason, are out-of-status must attempt to correct the issue at the most recently attended institution before KCC will consider their application.

Eligible Degree Programs for International Students

This chart shows KCC programs arranged by career area. It includes transfer programs for those pursuing four-year bachelor's degrees (A.A., A.S., A.E.S., A.F.A., and A.A.T.) and occupational programs (A.A.S. and A.G.S.) for more immediate entry into the workforce. KCC has cooperative agreements with Governor's State University and Olivet Nazarene University, so students who earn an A.A.S. or an A.G.S. degree may also be eligible to transfer to those universities to earn a bachelor's degree if they complete additional courses. Students with an A.A.S. may also complete bachelor's degrees at universities with "Two-plus-two" or "capstone" programs, such as Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University.

Arts and Sciences

- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
 - English
 - General Transfer
 - History
 - Mass Communications
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
 - Visual Arts
- Associate of Science (A.S.)
 - Biological Sciences
 - Chemistry
 - General Transfer
 - Mathematics
 - Physics
- Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)
 - Fine Arts
- Associate of Engineering Science (A.E.S.)
 - Engineering

Agricultural Science

- Associate of Science (A.S.)
 - Agriculture
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
 - Horticulture

Business and Computer Technology

- Associate of Science (A.S.)
 - Business
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
 - Business
 - Computer-Aided Drafting
 - Computer Graphic Design
 - Office Professional

Education

- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
 - Elementary Education
 - Secondary Education
- Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.)
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Secondary Mathematics
 - Special Education
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
 - Child Development—
 - Director/Administrator
 - Option
 - Child Development –
 - Education Option
 - Paraprofessional
 - Educator/Teacher's Aide

General Studies

- Associate of General Studies (A.G.S.)
 - General (not typically designed for university transfer)

Health Careers

- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
 - Medical Laboratory
 - Technology
 - Nursing—Registered
 - Paramedic
 - Physical Therapist Assistant
 - Radiography
 - Respiratory Therapist

Human and Public Service

- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
 - Criminal Justice
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
 - Law Enforcement
 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant
 - Studies

Industry and Technology

- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
 - Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
 - Automotive Technology
 - Construction Management
 - Electrical Technology
 - Welding Technology

PREPARING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES

Preparations

- **Hand-carry all immigration documents and keep them in a secure location.** You will need to present them to the immigration officer at the port-of-entry. You will not be able to get your checked luggage before arrival processing. If you do not have your documents available, it will delay processing and may result in denial of entry into the United States.
- **Do not carry large amounts of cash.** It is a good idea to have a debit card (VISA or Mastercard) or traveler's cheques in U.S. dollars to access or transport your funds. Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are readily available for cash withdrawals. Usually, there is a small fee for using an ATM. If you carry currency from your own country, you will also pay a fee for currency exchange.
- **What is the Form I-94 and why is it important?**
 - The Form I-94 is the Arrival/Departure Record which you will receive from the U.S. Immigration officer at the port-of-entry. The Form I-94 is a critical document. It shows that you have been legally admitted to the United States, the class of admission, and the authorized period of stay.
 - It is very important that the information on the form is correct. This information is entered into a system that shows arrival and departure information.
 - Inconsistencies between the information on the Form I-94 and SEVIS records can cause problems when different government systems interact. For example, if a student applies for a Social Security number to work on campus, discrepancies can cause issues with immigration status verification.
 - Complete instructions for filling out the Form I-94 are at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/i-94_instructions/filling_out_i94.xml. A sample form and instructions are at the end of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). It is a good idea to fill in the sample prior to traveling and use it to complete the actual form upon arrival in the United States.

For information on how to prepare to study in the United States, select the “Undergraduate” tab at the following website:*

http://www.educationusa.info/5_steps_to_study/undergraduate_step_1_research_your_options.php#top

[*This website also has information posted in several languages.]

A new website has also been launched by the U.S. Government to help international students interested in studying here. It is called “Study in the States” at www.studyinthestates.dhs.gov.

Arriving

Arrival in the U.S. (from a student perspective)

We want your arrival in the United States to go as smoothly as possible. Please review the information on the U.S. government website below for information from a student's perspective. http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent_stdnt_fs.htm

Form I-94

- You will receive **the departure portion of CBP Form I-94** from the immigration officer. You must keep the Form I-94 **and your passport in your possession at all times until you depart the United States.**
- It is your responsibility to ensure that your I-94/I-94W is turned in to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the end of your visit to the United States. You may also turn the form in to an airline agent, if the CPB does not collect it.

Problems at the Port-of-Entry

If you should encounter problems at the port-of-entry, the immigration officer should call the Kankakee Community College campus at the numbers below. During the day, they will be able to connect the call to a KCC Designated School Official, either Elise Schultz or Michelle Driscoll. After business hours, campus security will be able to contact one of the DSOs for a return call.

Monday-Friday	8 AM - 5 PM	815-802-8500
Evenings	5 PM - 10 PM	815-802-8100 (Campus Security)
Weekends		815-802-8190 (Campus Security)

Transportation to Kankakee

The most convenient door-to-door transportation to Kankakee would be by **taxi or private limousine service**. For an estimate of taxi fares, check the following web site: <http://chicago.taxiwiz.com/>

Limousine services can be acquired at both O'Hare and Midway airports. Another option is to arrange for a pickup by a limousine from the Kankakee area. Two local limousine companies are:
Executive Security Specialists, Inc.
815-932-8800
http://www.executivesecurity.com/limo_service_2009.htm

Reliable Limo
815-935-5856
www.reliablelimoinc.com

A transportation company that provides **bus service** to and from O'Hare Airport and the Kankakee area is Lincolnland Express (<http://www.lincolnlandexpress.com/>). Although the fare is reasonable, the student would need to arrange for transportation to their lodging from the bus drop-off location.

Arrival in Kankakee

After you have arrived at your lodging and rested, please come to the college to check in with a Designated School Official (DSO) in the Student Services Office. For your convenience, it is preferred that you call 815-802-8500 to make an appointment, if possible. When you call for the appointment, please tell the receptionist you are a new international student checking in.

At the college

When you come to meet the International Student Advisor, times will be scheduled for Orientation and placement testing. After testing, the advisor will work with you to schedule classes for the semester. If you arrive at least one week before classes begin, you will have time to complete the activities to prepare for the start of classes and to become settled in your accommodations.

(*Please note:* Your visa will allow entry to the U.S. up to 30 days before the program start date indicated on the I-20 form.)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Housing

Kankakee Community College does not have campus housing, so students must make their own arrangements for room and board. The campus is served by public transportation.

Weather in Kankakee

Kankakee, Illinois gets 38 inches of rain per year. The US average is 37° F. Snowfall is 25 inches. The average US city gets 25 inches of snow per year. The number of days with any measurable precipitation is 109.

On average, there are 196 sunny days per year in Kankakee-Bradley Metro Area, Illinois. The July high is around 86° F. The January low is 13° F. (*Source:* "Sperling's Best Places,"

<http://www.bestplaces.net/>)

Students will need warm clothing, such as heavy coats, sweaters, hats, and gloves, in the fall and winter. These items may be brought from the home country, but purchasing them in the U.S. will save baggage space.

More information

For more information on the Kankakee area, visit the following web sites:

The City of Kankakee: <http://www.citykankakee-il.gov/>

Kankakee County: <http://www.visitkankakeecounty.com/>

Checklist: Summary of Required Application Documents

The following items must be submitted to complete your application.

✓	ITEM
	Copy of valid passport
	One passport sized photograph
	International Student Application Form
	International Student Agreement Information
	US \$250 recording fee to KCC (non-refundable).
	Financial Affidavit of Support signed by owner of each bank account submitted as proof of financial support
	<p>Proof of financial support adequate to pay the costs of attendance and living expenses for one full academic year (\$26,500*).</p> <p>Acceptable documents:</p> <p>_____ Original official bank statement(s) on official bank letterhead, in English (or accompanied by an English translation), with amounts indicated in U.S. dollars, signed and notarized.</p> <p>_____ An official letter on bank letterhead, signed and notarized) in English (or accompanied by an English translation) that states the balance of the account in US dollars.</p> <p>The documents must:</p> <p>_____ be dated less than 6 months before the intended beginning semester</p> <p>_____ indicate in U.S. dollars the total amount available from personal funds, family funds from abroad, or funds from any other source available to the student or sponsor.</p> <p>_____ be written in English or be accompanied by a certified translation</p> <p><i>[*Estimated expenses: Tuition - \$14,370/Housing - \$6000/Books, supplies, health insurance - \$1,730 / Transportation, Food, Misc – \$4,400]</i></p>
	<p>Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores (sent directly from ETS). The minimum admission score is 520 (paper), 190 (computerized), or 68 (Internet). Required if student's first language is not English. (In-Country Applicants: For the substitution of ACT or COMPASS scores, see page 8.)</p>
	<p>Official transcripts or certified copies (and English interpretations) of all college(s)/universities and high school credit earned in foreign countries. (Do not send original diplomas, grade reports, or documents that cannot be replaced.) Credentials must show proof of graduation from high school. When regional or national examinations are required for graduation, official test results (including evaluation scale) must be submitted.</p>
In-Country Applicants Only	
	Copy of I-94 form (front and reverse)
	Copy of most recent visa (even if expired)
<p>Please Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to KCC is not final until all required documents are on file and a letter of acceptance has been issued. • Proof of U.S. health insurance coverage is required before registering for classes. 	
<p>Send your complete Admissions Packet to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office of Admissions and Registration Kankakee Community College 100 College Drive Kankakee, IL 60901-6505</p>	

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

1. You must always keep your passport and immigration status valid.
2. You must see a Designated School Official (DSO) before leaving the United States.
3. A DSO must sign your I-20 form before you leave the United States. This signature is valid for one full year.
4. You must maintain at least a 2.0 Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) or higher both fall and spring semester.
5. You must register for at least 12 credit hours for both fall and spring semester.
6. The tuition and fees are assessed at the "out-of-state" rate. Some students may receive the in-district tuition rate under special circumstances by submitting proof of "live-in-guest" status. If your guest status should change or you move outside of our district boundaries, KCC may assess the out-of-state charge until the proper documentation is received to re-apply for the in-district rate.
7. An academic hold will be posted on your record each semester, and you must see a DSO to take off the hold before you can register for classes.
8. If you have F1 status, you may work "on campus" in part-time positions. Part-time is considered 20 hours or less per week.
9. You are not allowed to work "off campus" unless you have permission from a DSO and the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS).
10. You must file forms with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in early spring whether or not you have worked. (See the International Student advisor for more information).
11. No Financial Aid is available from KCC, but students may be eligible for some merit-based scholarships after one year.
12. You must have health insurance and show proof of insurance for each semester before registration.
13. You must **notify a KCC DSO in writing** of any change of address within 10 days.
**Note: The DSO will notify the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the SEVIS system. This will satisfy your legal obligation to notify DHS of your address change.*
14. You must **notify a KCC DSO of a change of major** within 10 days, so that a new I-20 can be issued.
15. For complete information, please read page 2 of your I-20.
16. You must abide by the Code of Campus Affairs and Regulations as stated in the current college catalog.

I, (full name, printed) _____ have carefully read and understand all information above and hereby certify that the financial information provided herein is true and correct.

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____



Financial Verification

Sponsor's Affidavit of Support

International students or their sponsor must provide evidence of sufficient funds available to financially support two full semesters of study at Kankakee Community College. The sponsor must sign this affidavit, and **it must be hand-stamped or sealed by a bank official or an individual authorized to certify documents.**

Please print.

I, _____,
 (Name of sponsor)

who resides at _____
 (Address of sponsor)

Being duly sworn, depose and say that it is my intention to support

 (Name of student)

who resides at _____
 (Home country address of student)

and comes to the United States to study at Kankakee Community College and reside at

 (If known, address in United States where student will reside)

that I am willing and able to maintain and support the prospective student; and that this affidavit is made by me for the purpose of assuring the college that the student I am sponsoring will not find it necessary to appeal to the college for financial support.

 Signature of sponsor date

 Address of sponsor

 Relationship to student

This affidavit must be accompanied by an original official bank document showing a minimum balance of \$26,500 US. The following documents are acceptable.

- **Original official bank statement(s)** on official bank letterhead, in **English (or accompanied by an English translation)**, with **amounts indicated in U.S. dollars**, signed and notarized.
- An **official letter** on bank letterhead, signed and notarized) in **English (or accompanied by an English translation)** that **states the balance of the account in US dollars.**