

International Student Admissions Documentation Packet

Dear Student,

Hello from Connors State College! This document is for students who will study at Connors State College on an F-1 visa. To study on an F-1 visa, you must receive a Form I-20 from us. Before Connors State can issue you an I-20, we must certify your financial ability to study in the U.S. as required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

You will need to demonstrate that you have the funds to cover at least one full academic year of expenses, which we currently estimate to be approximately \$18,500 USD (for residential students), minus any scholarships or tuition waivers you receive.

- For new students: If you have never studied in the U.S., or if you have not studied in the U.S. in the past five months, we will establish a new Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) record for you in the U.S. government database. This is where we will create your Form I-20.
- For transfer students: If you currently hold an F-1 visa and are studying at another U.S. institution (such as a college, high school, or language program), you will need to complete a SEVIS Transfer In Form. This form should be completed with assistance from your current school so that your SEVIS record can be transferred to Connors State College. After that, we will be able to issue your new Form I-20.

Enclosed in this application packet, you will find all the information and forms needed to obtain your Connors State College Form I-20 and apply for your F-1 visa. Please review the entire packet carefully. If you have any questions or need further assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to working with you and supporting your academic journey at Connors State College!

Sincerely,





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for F-1 Visa Students

1. What is a Form I-20, and why do I need one?

A Form I-20 is an official government document issued by Connors State College that certifies a student's eligibility for F-1 student status. This form is essential for international students planning to study in the U.S. on an F-1 visa. The Form I-20 confirms that:

- You meet our admissions requirements and have been accepted into a program.
- You will be enrolled as a full-time student during each semester of study.
- You have demonstrated the financial ability to support yourself during your time in the U.S., as required by U.S. law.

The Form I-20 includes details about your study program, such as the level and field of study, start and end dates, and your financial capacity to cover educational expenses. Once we receive and review your required documents, we will send the Form I-20 to you by email. You can then print it out and use it to apply for your F-1 visa, which requires scheduling an interview at a U.S. consulate or embassy in your home country.

For more information, visit What is the Form I-20?.

2. Do all international students need a Form I-20?

Not all international students need an I-20. If you hold a different nonimmigrant status in the U.S. that allows you to study, you may not require an I-20. For example, dependent children with E, H, I, J, L, M, N, O, P, R, or S status can attend school but will need to change status once they turn 21. F-2 dependents who wish to study full-time must obtain a Form I-20 and change their status to F-1. If you have questions about your specific status, please email us for guidance.

3. What financial documents are required for F-1 students?

To receive your Form I-20, you must provide:

- A completed Certificate of Financial Responsibility.
- A bank statement in your family or sponsor's name, showing sufficient funds to cover at least one academic year of expenses (approximately \$18,500 USD for residential students), minus any scholarships or financial aid.

4. How do I obtain an F-1 visa?

• If you already have an unexpired F-1 visa from another U.S. school, you may not need to apply for a new one. Please submit a copy of your current F-1 visa to Mr. Newfield at blane.newfield@connorsstate.edu for verification.

Canadian students do not need an F-1 visa but do require a Form I-20.

When we send your Form I-20, we will include detailed instructions on applying for an F-1 visa. Here's an overview of the process:

- **Passport:** Ensure you have a valid passport. It must be valid for at least six months into the future. Keep track of its expiration date and renew it as needed.
- **Visa Application:** Schedule a visa appointment at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country as soon as possible. For information on visa processing and required documents, visit <u>Visa Interview Preparation</u>.
- **SEVIS Fee:** New F-1 students without a previous SEVIS account must pay a \$350 SEVIS fee before applying for a visa. For payment options, visit <u>SEVIS I-901 Fee</u>.
- Required Documents: Bring your passport, Form I-20, acceptance letter from Connors State College, proof of financial support, and evidence of ties to your home country to your visa appointment. For more information, check <u>Student Visa</u> Overview.

5. What should I expect during the visa interview?

- **Proof of Financial Support:** You must show you have sufficient funds to cover your stay in the U.S. Connors State College requires proof of at least one year of funding, but it is advisable to provide additional evidence that funds will be available throughout your studies (e.g., salary statements or letters from your sponsor's employer).
- Ties to Home Country: You need to demonstrate strong ties to your home country
 to assure the Consular Officer that you plan to return after completing your studies.
 Visa applications may be denied if the Officer suspects you intend to stay in the U.S.
 permanently.

Always review the specific visa application instructions on the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you will apply, as additional documents may be requested. For more tips, see <u>Preparing for Your Visa Interview</u>.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to helping you with your journey to Connors State College!



Please upload the completed application with your Application for Admission or email it to Mr. Newfield at <u>blane.newfield@connorsstate.edu</u>.

NAME			
Surname / Primary		Given Nam re exactly as it appears o	
Fleas	se enter your nam	e exactly as it appears of	nyour passport.
DEMOGRAPHICS			
Birth Date		Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship
City of Birth		Gender	_
CONTACT			
Address:			
	City		Province / Territory Postal Code
Country:			
Email Address:			
TELEPHONE			
Foreign Telephone:			
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U.S. Telephone:			
	Area Code		Number
PROGRAM			
Dates of Attendance:			
(mm / dd / yyyy)		Start	End
Degree Sought:		Associat	es
Major / Plan of Study:			
DEPENDANTS			
Are you currently marri		YES	NO
Do you have any childr If your spouse and/or childr		YES th you or are currently in	NO the United States on a different visa

If your spouse and/or children are coming with you or are currently in the United States on a different visa status, please provide us the following information. Evidence of relationship(s) must be provided (i.e. copies of marriage certificate, children's birth certificates, etc.)

Name of Spouse / Children (Family Name, First, Middle)	Relationship	Country of Birth	Date of Birth (mm / dd / yyyy)

If you are married, whether you will be bringing your family with you or they will enter the U.S. on a different visa, you must add and prove financial support of \$8,000 USD for your spouse and \$6,000 USD for each child to the total actual expenses amount listed Even if your dependents do not live with you, you still need to prove financial support for them.

TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION STATEMENT

I hereby affirm that all information I have provided to Connors State College is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in the denial of my application, revocation of admission, or disciplinary action, including but not limited to dismissal from the college.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to provide updated and accurate information if any changes occur after submitting my documentation. I agree to notify Connors State College promptly of any changes to the information provided.

By signing below, I confirm my understanding and acceptance of these conditions.

Applicant's Signature Date

Please upload the completed application packet with to your Application for Admission or email it to Mr. Blane Newfield at blane.newfield@connorsstate.edu.



CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This form is for the purpose of issuing SEVIS Form I-20 ONLY.

Enrollment at Connors State College constitutes a contractual financial obligation to pay all charges incurred on the student's behalf. If a student is unable to attend Connors State College for any reason, they must officially drop within the published drop/add period with the Office of the Registrar to avoid financial obligation or a grade liability.

	en Name		ddle Name
Please enter the student's name	exactly as it appears or	n their passport.	
Is the above student responsible for all expen	ses?	YES	NO
If the answer above is YES, please sign the cert month old) official bank statement with the stu- total amount shown below.			•
If the answer is no, please have your Financial S	Sponsor complete t	he rest of the	certificate.
FINANCIAL SPONSOR INFORMATION			
If the student is not responsible for all expenses, please What is the relation of the financial sponsor to	•		
Financial Sponsor's Phone Number:	the student:		
Financial Sponsor's Address:			
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This certification is required by the U.S. Govern signing this certification guarantees that the stuthat the total expenses for the academic year (to below. All travel, vacation, summer and person costs. All costs are estimates and subject to	udent's account wil welve months) are nal expenses will be	l be paid in fu approximate	ıll and understands ly those listed
Tuition and Fees	\$ 7500		
Living Expenses	\$ 9000		
Books and Supplies	\$ 2000		
Total	\$ 18500		

Date

Applicant or Financial Sponsor (if applicable) Signature



SEVIS TRANSFER-IN FORM

This document is for the purpose of transferring your CURRENT SEVIS record to Connors State College. ONLY complete this form if you have an active SEVIS record.

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE SEVIS School Code: DAL214F13804000

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDEN	Т		
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Surname / Primary Name Please enter the student?	Given Name is name exactly as it appears on the		e Name
Birth Date	Country of Birth	Country of	Citizenship
City of Birth	Gender		
Semester of Enrollment:			
Expected Semester of Graduation:			
Current Visa Status Type:	F-1		OTHER
If other, please explain:			
Visa Expiration Date (mm / dd / yyyy):			
Are you traveling abroad this summer:	YES		NO
Do you need to renew your visa prior to			NO
starting at Connors State College?			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DSO AT	CURRENT SCHOOL		
Name of Institution:			
DSO's Name and Title:			
Address:			
SEVIS School Code:			
Student's Release Date in SEVIS:			
Dates of Enrollment at your institution:		to	
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	Start		End
Student is currently in legal F-1 Status:		YES	NO
Student is eligible for F-1 transfer to Connors State College:		YES	NO
Student fulfilled financial obligations to your institution:		YES	NO
If NO to any of the above, please explain:			

Date

DSO's Signature



This document is for the purpose of transferring your CURRENT SEVIS record from Connors State College to your next institution. ONLY complete this form if you have an active SEVIS record.

Your transfer-out request must be submitted within 60 days of your last date of attendance at Connors State College. You can only transfer your SEVIS record to another school if the program start date at the new institution is within 5 months of your last day at Connors State.

All financial obligations to Connors State must be settled before your transfer request can be processed. Please email the completed transfer form, along with scanned copies of your I-94 record and admission letter from the new school, to tosha.stout@connorsstate.edu. Allow up to 5 business days for processing.

Once your SEVIS record is released, your Connors State College I-20 will no longer be valid for U.S. travel. If you plan to travel outside the U.S. after the record release, you must have your new I-20 from the new school to reenter the country. Make sure to inform your new school of any travel plans.

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Surname / Primary Name Given Name Middle Name Please enter the student's name exactly as it appears on their passport.
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EW INSTITUTION INFORMATION
ame of Institution:
SO's Name and Title:
ddress:
EVIS School Code:
The SEVIS school code of your new school can be found on the new school's transfer form (if they have one) or by contacting the international student services office at the new school.
certify that my SEVIS record is active and request that Connors State College transfers my record
to the institution listed above.
DSO's Signature Date
ONNORS STATE COLLEGE DSO USE ONLY
rudent's Release Date in SEVIS:
SO Signature and Date: