

# International Admission Process

All international applicants must submit certain documentation in accordance with the Department of Homeland Security regulations in order to verify eligibility for receiving the F-1 student visa.

# I. APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants are required to submit a completed official Application for Admission in order to begin the acceptance process, which can be found at application.criswell.edu.

# APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable application fee of \$35 can be paid on our <u>website</u>.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

All applicants must submit a recommendation in English, attesting to the applicant's good moral character. The form is available in the Enrollment Services office and should go to individuals other than the applicant's family, preferably a pastor and a former teacher or employer.

#### CHURCH ENDORSEMENT

The applicant's local church must complete the Church Endorsement form regarding his/her intent to study at Criswell College.

# **TOEFL**

All international applicants must submit official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). If the applicant has graduated from a US college or university, the TOEFL is not required

The minimum acceptable iBT TOEFL Exam score is 80. The official results must be sent directly from ETS. The college's code is 6144. To register for the TOEFL, applicants should contact a TOEFL representative in their home country, or contact:

TOEFL Services/ Educational Testing Service P.O. Box 6151,Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 USA E-mail: toefl@ets.org; Website: www.toefl.org; Phone: 609-771-7100

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS/JOSEF SILNY EVALUATION All international applicants must submit proof that they have completed at least a secondary or high school education, or its equivalent, based on American higher education standards.

If non-U.S. high school, college or university work has been completed, official transcripts must be submitted, at the applicant's own expense, for a document-by-

document evaluation by the Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. to determine foreign education equivalency in the United States. Josef Silny contact information:

#### Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.

7101 SW 102 Avenue, Miami, FL 33173 USA Phone: (305) 273-1616; Fax (305) 273-1338 E-mail: info@jsilny.com; Website: www.jsilny.com

#### FINANCIAL GUARANTEE

All international applicants must submit evidence of financial resources to cover educational and related living expenses for the duration of studies at the college prior to acceptance. International applicants are responsible for airfare, living expenses, including food, housing, transportation, clothing and medical insurance and other medical expenses.

Undergraduate applicants are required to document financial support of at least \$28,261 per year. Graduate applicants are required to document financial support of at least \$26,633 per year. Married applicants are required to document additional financial support of \$1,000 USD for each dependent (spouse/child).

# FINANCIAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Furthermore, a self-supporting applicant must submit a bank statement that shows an account balance of at least the above-mentioned amount. If the financial guarantee is met by a sponsor(s), the sponsor(s) is required to complete a Financial Guarantee form provided by the College. The sponsor must submit a bank statement that supports the information provided in the financial guarantee form.

#### Please Note:

All documentation, including evidence of sufficient financial resources, must be received by the Enrollment Services Office prior to acceptance.

# **EMERGENCY DEPOSIT**

The international applicant or sponsor must submit a \$1,000 refundable emergency deposit. These funds go into an escrow account managed by the College. For every dependent, an additional \$200 must be added to this sum. This deposit can be accessed by the applicant in case of an emergency. Once the applicant graduates or leaves, the remaining deposit will be refunded to the sponsor or applicant who initially paid the deposit. These funds must be deposited with the College prior to acceptance.

### **PASSPORT**

The applicant and his/her dependant(s) must submit a copy of their passport (s).