

Change of Status

In compliance with U. S. Immigration law, please return all the items listed below on or before the registration deadlines. South Florida Bible College will accept original documents, make copies, and return the original to applicants at their request.

<u>Part I: Complete SFBC's Online Application</u> (go to **sfbc.edu > apply now**). Be sure to apply for correct program:

- EAP (English for Academic Purposes)
- Undergraduate
- Graduate* (must possess a bachelor's degree from accredited institution)

***FOR GRADUATE APPLICANTS**: Foreign degrees must be evaluated by an approved member of <u>NACES</u> (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services). Official school transcripts are required for submission. For Doctorate program the requirements are particular, please confirm with your Enrollment Advisor. You may view the list of approved members at <u>https://www.naces.org/members</u>.

Pay Application Fee: US\$75.00

Part II: Provide the following required documentation to obtain the F-1 visa eligibility document (I-20). The I-20 will only be issued after you are formally admitted to the college and after you provide the below listed documents.

Please bring in the following original documents:

- Valid Passport / Visa
- Unexpired I-94 (<u>i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94</u>)
- Receipt/Approval Notices of Visa Extensions (if applicable)
- o Driver's License / Social Security Card (if applicable)
- Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
- For EAP and Undergraduate: High School Diploma or its equivalent (must provide Official Evaluation by an active member of NACES)
- o I-20 Request Form
- Working in the USA Form

1. Proof of Financial Support:

- 1.1 Certificate of Financial Responsibility (CFR) signed by the sponsor and the student.
- 1.2 **Sponsor Letter** guaranteeing financial support for each year in the amount of:

USD\$20,000 for student + USD\$4,500 for spouse + \$3,500 for each child (under 21 years old)

Note: If the student will be living with a relative, the sponsor will need to guarantee the remaining \$11,750. The relative must sign & notarize the <u>Alternate Estimated Cost of Living Form (if applicable, form will be provided).</u>

- 1.3 **Bank Statement** showing sufficient funds. If the bank statement is from a foreign bank, please include an **official letter** from the sponsor's bank confirming the account (must include a translated copy if not in English).
- 1.4 Provide copy of **Sponsor's photo identification** (passport, driver's license, etc.)
- 1.5 Tuition & Fees Student Agreement signed by sponsor and student.

Enrollment Fees: When submitting your application, you will pay an application fee (\$75.00). After all documents have been submitted, the following fees will be due:

Registration Fee	International Student Fee	TOTAL
\$75.00	\$200.00	

Deposit Fee: This tuition deposit serves as the confirmation for the semester you will be starting in; this deposit will be applied toward the first semester tuition.

Tuition Deposit					
EAP	Undergraduate	MABS / M.Div./M.Th.	MACC / MAPC	D.Min.	
\$550.00	\$708.00	\$549.00	\$630.00	\$468.00	

These payments are **non-refundable by any means** and may be paid by credit/debit card or money order payable to South Florida Bible College, paid in US\$.

Please Note:

It is not permitted to work in the U.S. under the F-1 status. Knowledge of any unauthorized employment will risk termination of the I-20 document.

F-1 visa students are required to study a full-time course load as stated below:

- EAP (English for Academic Purposes): four classes in the Fall and Spring terms.
- **Undergraduate** (AA or BA degree): four classes in the Fall and Spring terms.
- Graduate (MA): three classes in the Fall and Spring terms.
- **Doctor of Ministry** (D.Min): two classes in the Fall and Spring terms.

Students may file for the change of status to F-1 to USCIS on their own or use the services of an immigration attorney/paralegal of their preference. <u>SFBC is not responsible for the services</u> provided by these professionals.

- 1. Pay I-901 SEVIS fee. Payment information is available at http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/.
- 2. Complete the form I-539 and submit it along with two separate money orders in the amount of \$370.00, payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Be informed of any additional attorney fees. *SFBC is not associated with any attorneys, therefore, we do not advise on attorney fees nor if they will be able to expedite your documents in a timely way. It is the student's responsibility to find an immigration attorney.*

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!**