NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST

THIS APPLIES TO YOU IF YOU WOULD BE
☐ A new, first-time college student in the U.S.
☐ Outside the U.S. or changing status to F-1 from within the U.S.*

*Ivy Tech does not assist with filing U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-539 to change status. Please refer to the enclosed list of American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) attorneys in Indiana and their respective areas of practice so that you may have a basis for selecting which attorney might be best for your change of status needs.

TO BE ADMITTED TO IVY TECH FOR A FORTHCOMING SEMESTER AS AN F-1 STUDENT, THE FOLLOWING ARE YOUR REQUIREMENTS:

1. Apply online for free
2. Scan a copy of your passport
3. Supply an evaluation of your foreign high school or college transcript, sent directly from a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES®) member-evaluator, to Ivy Tech Community College.
4. Supply the necessary financial documents:
   • You need $25,000 ($32,000 for summer starts only) or the equivalent in your country’s currency (or $14,000 if the sponsor is providing free room and board; they must also complete and submit a notarized Affidavit of Free Room and Board). You will need an additional $5,000 for each dependent spouse and/or child.
   • Your documents must be in the English language or have clear translations into English on the documents.
   • Your bank documents should be new, and no more than 3-6 months old.
   • Your bank documents do not have to be in your name. You can be sponsored by family members, but you cannot be sponsored by another F-1 international student. If sponsored by a family member, please provide proof of the relationship.

5. Meet English proficiency.
   Accepted tests and scores are:
   i. TOEFL (iBT®) = 61 Internet-based Test (within the last two years)
   ii. TOEFL (PBT) = 500 Paper-based Test (within the last two years)
   iii. IELTS = 6.5 (within the last two years)
   iv. MELAB = 77 (within the last two years)
   v. ACT = 17 in English, 18 in Reading (within the last four years)
   vi. New SAT = 25 Reading, 27 Writing (within the last four years)
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY WAIVED IF:

- A citizen of a country where English is the official language, as listed on the CIA website.
- Certificate of Completion from a U.S. Language Training Program.
- U.S. high school GPA of 2.6 (out of 4.0) after four completed semesters, or U.S. high school graduate within the last four years.
- Completed standard freshman English, with a grade of C or higher, from a U.S. post-secondary institution.
- Associate degree or higher from an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.

DEADLINES:

For applicants outside of the U.S.:

- **Fall Semester:** All documents must be submitted by May 1.
- **Spring Semester:** All documents must be submitted by November 1.
- **Summer Semester:** All documents must be submitted by March 1.

For applicants inside the U.S.:

*Please contact International Student Services for more information.*

For more information: International Student Services, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana
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