



Welcome International Students!

Thank you for choosing Flushing Christian School. FCS is an interdenominational, multiethnic school committed to academic excellence and Christian discipleship.

Flushing Christian School is authorized by SEVP (Student Exchange and Visitor Program) to issue I-20 forms. The I-20 form is required to obtain an F-1 Visa, which allows the potential student to gain entry to the United States as an international student.

Here is a list of required documents that you will need to begin the process:

1. Application for Admission with non-refundable fee of \$375.00
2. Declaration of Finances (must include Notarized Signature of Bank Official or copy of Bank Statement in U.S. dollars)
3. Copy of Birth Certificate
4. Copy of Passport
5. Recommendation from Teacher and Pastor (if applicable)
6. Transcripts from previous school (translated into English)
7. Letter from an English teacher stating the level of English proficiency
8. Short essay from student, entitled *Why I Would Like to Attend Flushing Christian School* (please do not help the student write this)
9. Medical Records and Immunization (translated into English)
10. Upon issuance of I-20, the **last** month's tuition (*non-refundable*) of \$950 for grades K-5, \$1,000 for grades 6-8 in U.S. dollars is due.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

GRADES K-5		GRADES 6-8	
1. Application Fee	\$ 375.00	1. Application Fee	\$ 375.00
2. Registration	\$ 150.00	2. Registration	\$ 150.00
3. General Fee*	\$ 350.00	3. General Fee*	\$ 350.00
4. Annual Tuition	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>	4. Annual Tuition	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total	\$10,375.00	Total	\$ 10,875.00
<i>*Covers books, lab fees and consumable supplies</i>		<i>*Covers books, lab fees and consumable supplies</i>	
ESL Tutoring (If Necessary)	\$ 5,000.00	ESL Tutoring (If Necessary)	\$ 5,000.00
Total with ESL	\$15,375.00	Total with ESL	\$15,875.00

Please Note: You will need approximately \$200 to purchase a school uniform.

This is a preliminary list of items and does not guarantee acceptance. Admission to Flushing Christian School will be determined based upon:

- Interview with the Head of School
- Review and acceptance of documentation
- Sufficient finances

Upon acceptance, the registration fee, general fee, 50% of total tuition and 50% of ESL fee are due and payable. The remaining 50% tuition and ESL fee are due and payable on January 3, 2023. If a student enrolls midway through the school year, all tuition and fees are due and payable at that time.

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Upon issuance of I-20 Form:

- Applicant must apply for I-901
- Apply on-line at www.fmjfee.com/901fee/student/formSelection.htm
- Pay \$200.00 fee.

- Apply to the local U.S. consulate for an F-1 visa if not in the United States. **
- Visit the State Department website at: <https://www.ice.gov/sevis> for more information.

- **Visa applicants must submit a completed DS-160, Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application. Visit: Travel.state.gov for DS-160 on-line application.** The form is submitted electronically to the Department of State to process the visa application.
- Print and keep the DS-160 barcode page. (You will not need to print the full application.)
- Visit the U.S. Embassy or Consulate website where you will apply for additional country-specific instructions.

**As part of the visa process, an interview at the embassy consular section is required for visa application from age 14 through 79, with few exceptions. Persons age 13 and younger, and age 80 and older, generally do not require an interview, unless requested by embassy or consulate. The waiting time for an interview appointment for applicants can vary, so early visa application is strongly encouraged.

You must bring several items to the interview:

- The signed Form I-20 from the school the student plans to attend.
- Evidence that the SEVIS I-901 fee has been paid. A receipt can be printed when paying on the Internet at <http://fmjfee.com> with a credit card.
- A signed passport, valid for at least six months after the date of entry into the United States.
- Transcripts and diplomas from previous institutions.
- Scores from standardized tests, such as English Proficiency, TOEFL, etc.
- Financial evidence of sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses for at least the first year of study.

If you are applying for a change in status (B-2 to F-1 visa)

- You must complete I-539 form at www.uscis.gov/files/i-539instr.pdf
 - Pay fee of \$290.00
 - Submit I-94 form
- Submit documentation to: USCIS
I-20 Form
Declaration of Finances with Bank Statement
Copy of passport (with I-94 if already in U.S.)
I-529 if filing for change of status

When Do I Need to Apply for My Student Visa?

- Students are encouraged to apply for their visa early to provide ample time for visa processing. Students may apply for their visa as soon as they are prepared to do so.
- Students should note that Embassies and Consulates are able to issue your student visa 120 days or less, in advance of the course of study registration date.
- If you apply for your visa more than 120 days prior to your start date or registration date as provided on the Form I-20, the Embassy or Consulate will hold your application until it is able to issue the visa. Consular officials will use the extra time for application processing.
- Students are advised of the Department of Homeland Security regulation which requires that all initial or beginning students enter the U.S. 30 days or less in advance of the course of study start/report date as shown on the Form I-20. Please consider this date carefully when making travel plans to the U.S.

In order to legally remain in the United States, you must:

- Maintain a valid passport.
- Attend the school you are authorized to attend.
- Pursue a full-course of study and make normal progress towards the completion of the course of study.
- Apply for extension of program before the expiration date on the current I-20.
- Follow procedures for transferring from one school to another. You cannot leave our school on our I-20 without correct documentation from FCS and the school you are transferring to. The school you are transferring to must contact FCS. You will NOT be able to go to the transfer school until all fees are paid in full to the current school. Contact needs to be made between FCS and the approved F1 transfer school.
- Report a change of address to FCS immediately. To report a change of address visit AR-11 online or download Form AR-11 and mail completed form to:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Citizenship and Immigration Services
Attn: Change of Address
1344 Pleasant Drive
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

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