

Christian Fellowship School

International Student Application Information Sheet

International students (non-U.S. citizens) must complete the regular CFS application, including their personal Christian testimony, and submit the application fee before being considered for admission to CFS.

Additional Requirements and Information for International Students Seeking Admission

International Students who apply for admission to Christian Fellowship School must also meet the following requirements in order to be accepted for admission and remain in good standing in the school:

1. Students must agree to regularly attend a Christian church with their host family while they are a student at CFS and they must provide evidence through a Pastoral Reference that they regularly attend church in their home community.
2. Students must exhibit maturity, flexibility, and adaptability and provide evidence of a strong academic record.
3. Students must demonstrate good English language ability by submitting a handwritten English essay written by the student and a completed English teacher recommendation form, as well as a copy of one of the following four English language assessment reports:
 - a. SLEP score report (appropriate for students in grades 7-12)
 - b. TOEFL iBT score report (most appropriate for admission to grades 11 and 12)
 - c. TOEIC score report (appropriate for grades 9 – 12)
 - d. TOEFL *Junior* (designed for middle school students) – limited availability, paper test.
 - e. A Skype interview may be required to evaluate oral or conversational English ability for students who have low English assessment scores or for students below grade 7. Students who live in the Columbia, Missouri area will be included in a face-to-face interview to assess oral English ability.
4. Students must provide documentation for all necessary immunizations required by the state of Missouri and immunization records must be translated into English and be received by the school on appropriate immunization forms.
5. Students' families must demonstrate an ability to pay all tuition and fees, as well as any host family stipends associated with their student's enrollment at CFS for the school year. This may be provided in the form of verifiable bank account statements or other financial records.
6. Students must provide official transcripts translated into English for all school work completed at other schools if they desire to be considered for a diploma from CFS.
7. In order to graduate from CFS and receive a diploma international students will need to meet all graduation requirements for the state of Missouri and for CFS.
8. Students' families must provide proof of medical insurance for their student(s) during their stay in the U.S. Medical expenses should not be a concern for your host family if medical treatment is necessary. The school provides Student Accident Insurance for injuries which occur during the

school day or during school-sponsored events, including athletics. However, some form of international medical coverage which covers medical treatment received in the U.S. is required.

9. Students who need an I-20 Form in order to attend CFS on an F-1 student visa are required to provide the school with both an international address (home address) and the local address where the student will reside while in the U.S. attending CFS.
10. Students must provide copies of I-20 forms with the U.S. immigration stamp for date of entry whenever they first enter or re-enter the U.S., as well as a copy of their current visa and passport. The school is required to keep these on file, along with a current address for each international student in attendance at the school. It is the responsibility of the international student and their host family to provide this information to the school and to inform the school of any change of address during the student's attendance at the school.
11. Students who wish to travel outside of the U.S. during the Christmas Break or over the summer between academic sessions must obtain a travel I-20 Form from the school in order to ensure that their re-entry into the United States will be approved.
12. While in the U.S. international students are under the authority of local, state and national laws. They are also under the authority of Christian Fellowship School and must comply with all school policies, procedures, and regulations. It is important that students obey all laws and comply with the rules and regulations of CFS during their stay in the United States.
13. International students must follow host family regulations regarding curfews, smoking, drinking, dating, completion of school work and homework for which they are responsible. They are also expected to complete any assigned household chores for which they are responsible.
14. International students are responsible to attend school regularly and achieve satisfactory grades. They must follow all attendance requirements and may be expelled from the school due to disrespectful, inappropriate or poor behavior or failing grades.

International Student Tuition and Fee Information

Application Fee

International students must submit a completed application and pay the \$20 application fee in order to be considered for admission.

I-20 Fee

A one-time fee of \$500 is assessed for the issuance of an I-20 Form. This fee is due at the time of issuance and it is non-refundable.

Christian Fellowship School has been approved by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, a division of the Department of Homeland Security to issue I-20 forms. International students who need an I-20 Form in order to obtain an F-1 student visa must submit a completed application and meet all admission requirements before an I-20 will be issued. When CFS issues an I-20 form the school is making a commitment to reserve a seat or space at the appropriate grade level for the student. It is therefore expected that a family would not request that an I-20 form be issued for a student if the family is not fully committed to having their student attend Christian Fellowship School if the F-1 visa is approved. Entering the U.S. and then not enrolling in the school after obtaining an F-1 visa will result in the student's status being changed to "Terminated" within the SEVIS system and the student will then be considered "Out of Status" and the student will be in the U.S. illegally. This could result in the student being deported for failure to enroll in the program of study for which they requested an I-20 Form

Enrollment Fee

International students pay an initial enrollment fee of \$2,000. This enrollment fee is due either upon acceptance or upon official approval of the F-1 student visa (if an I-20 Form is issued and enrollment is contingent upon approval of the F-1 visa). This fee is non-refundable.

This enrollment fee helps cover the additional costs associated with processing international student applications, maintaining international student records and providing additional services for international students. It also covers the cost of the ELL Program, which facilitates more rapid English language acquisition. Students for whom English is a second language are required to attend the ELL Lab each day after school from 3:45 – 4:45 pm unless they demonstrate an English proficiency which is beyond the level covered by the ELL program. To accommodate extracurricular participation or provide increased flexibility in the time of day that students utilize the program, students may choose an at home option instead of the daily lab option. Students who choose the at home option will use the ELL program online from home, but they are required to attend the ELL Lab one day per week to utilize the program and meet with the ELL instructor to allow for weekly consultation, monitoring of progress and adjustments in the program level or emphasis to maximize the benefits to the student.

Tuition, Book & Technology Fee

International students pay the same Tuition and Book & Technology Fee as other CFS students (please see the Regular Tuition and Fee Information Sheet for current rates). Annual or semi-annual payment is preferred; however, monthly payments can be utilized if funds are withdrawn from a local U.S. bank account.

Host Family Placement Fee

International students who need assistance from the school to locate a host family will be assessed a Host Family Placement Fee of \$500 to cover the additional time involved in locating and arranging for a host family. This fee is due after the student has been accepted for admission, with enrollment contingent upon location of a host family. The fee is due at the time of the request for a host family and it is non-refundable. Every reasonable effort will be made to locate a host family; however, since this requires a willingness on the part of the host family to take on this role, it cannot be guaranteed. Host families are asked to make a one-year commitment when they agree to host an international student. If a different host family is needed in order for a student to return for a second year, the placement fee will be assessed for locating a new host family. If the same host family agrees to host the student for a second year, no additional fee will be assessed for the second or subsequent years.

Host Family Stipend

If CFS assists in the location of a host family, the international student's family will pay the host family stipend of \$8,500 per school year (\$850 per month) to offset the expenses incurred by the family. The host family will be providing housing, meals, transportation, internet access, and supervision for the student while they are attending the school. This rate is based upon the University of Missouri – Columbia's dormitory room rate and their Basic 21 meal plan rate (which does not include transportation).

International students who make their own host family arrangements with a family relative or friend are not required to pay the \$8,500 stipend; however, this is still considered a reasonable estimate of the costs that the family will incur for providing housing, meals and transportation for the student and it is the amount that will be entered on the I-20 Form in SEVIS for room and board costs. Immigration officials may therefore require families to provide evidence that they have sufficient financial resources to pay this amount for room and board.

Re-enrollment Fee

International students who wish to re-enroll for the 2012/2013 school year must pay a re-enrollment fee of \$1500.

This re-enrollment fee covers the cost of the ELL lab (if needed a second year), as well as ongoing maintenance of SEVIS records and reprinting of I-20's for travel purposes, etc. If the student enrolls in August for the next school year \$150 of this re-enrollment fee is credited against the Book & Technology Fee.

**International Student Tuition and Fee Information
Summary Table**

Application Fee	\$20
I-20 Fee	\$500
Enrollment Fee – Initial Enrollment	\$2,000
Re-enrollment Fee Note: \$150 of the re-enrollment fee applies toward the book fee if the student enrolls in the fall semester.	\$1500
Host Family Placement Fee Note: If the student or student’s family arranges for their own host family, then this fee does not apply. This fee applies if CFS is asked to help locate a host family for the student.	\$500
Host Family Stipend Note: This stipend is the <u>required</u> amount if CFS is involved in placing the international student with an English speaking family associated with the school.	\$8,500
Tuition	Regular Tuition rate (see Fact Sheet)
Book & Technology Fee	Regular Book & Technology Fee