



American Language Institute

Admission to most ALI programs is open to all persons 18 years old and over who have completed high school. ELST youth programs accept younger students.

The U.S. government requires persons who come to the U.S. for full-time studies (18 hours per week or more) to obtain F-1 student visas. To apply for an F-1 student visa at the U.S. embassy or consulate in the student's country of origin, an I-20 form will be needed. An I-20 form is a government approved document issued by the ALI. To receive an I-20 form, students must first complete the ALI Application Form and provide a financial statement.

Please allow a minimum of one-two (1-2) weeks to process your application.

Application Checklist:

Step One

New Applicants for all ALI programs must send the following items.

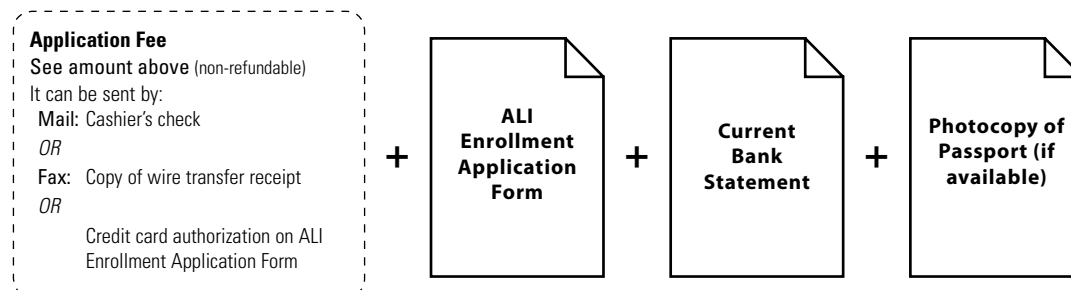
1. Application fee (non-refundable): \$175.
2. ALI Enrollment Application Form.
3. Current Bank Statement with existing funds in the account
 - Affidavit of Financial Support (if bank statement is not in student's name).
4. Photocopy of passport (if available).

Applicants transferring from another school in the U.S. to the ALI must also include the following items.

5. ALI Transfer Eligibility Form (available at www.americanlanguage.org).
6. Photocopies of your current I-20, passport, visa and I-94 card.

Step Two

Assemble your application in the order shown below:



Step Three

Mail or fax all documents to:

American Language Institute, San Diego State University, College of Extended Studies,
5250 Campanile Drive, San Diego, California, 92182-1914, USA.

Phone: (619) 594-5907 **Fax:** (619) 287-2735 **Email:** applyali@mail.sdsu.edu **Web:** www.americanlanguage.org

I-20 Application for a U.S. Visa

If the primary purpose for entering the U.S. is study, we recommend an F-1 student visa because:

- an immigration officer may deny entry at the U.S. border to any person who does not have an F-1 student visa if the main reason for coming to the U.S. is to study,
- persons entering the U.S. on a temporary tourist permit (Visa Waiver) may stay in the U.S. for only 90 days and may not change their status or extend their stay, and
- it may be difficult to change your status from tourist to student after arriving in the U.S.

The American Language Institute is an SDSU Research Foundation program.

I-20 Application/Affidavit of Financial Support

To receive an I-20, you must complete this form and provide a financial statement from you or your sponsor, certifying that you have enough funds for tuition and living expenses while you are in the U.S. The amount of funds you need will depend on the cost of the program you want to take plus approximately \$1,000 per month for living expenses must be available. In addition, if you are bringing dependents, you should estimate an additional \$500 per month for a spouse and \$250 per month for a child.

Source of Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Affidavit of Financial Support	If you checked "family" or "other" under Source of Funds, the person who is financially responsible for you must read and sign the statement below. "I have read the information about the amount needed for tuition costs and living expenses for the period of study at the American Language Institute at San Diego State University. I certify that these funds are available and I accept full responsibility for these expenses. I fully understand that persons coming to the United States on F-1 student status are expected to study full-time and no student should expect to work to support their education."	
	Printed name of Person Financially Responsible	
	Signature	Date
Sponsor's Funds	If you are sponsored by a company, agency, foundation or government agency, please attach a letter from that sponsor that specifies which costs the sponsor will pay.	
	Name of Sponsoring Company, Agent, Foundation or Government Agency:	

Mailing Information

We mail the first I-20 and/or other information via DHL Express for free. You must pay for any additional mailings via DHL Express. Prices vary by country.

Family Members

If you are bringing family members with you to the U.S., they will need to be included on your I-20. Please estimate an additional \$500 per month for a spouse and \$250 per month for a child.

Name			
Date of Birth	Month:	Day:	Year:
Country of Birth			
Country of Citizenship			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Relationship to You	<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse		

Name			
Date of Birth	Month:	Day:	Year:
Country of Birth			
Country of Citizenship			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Relationship to You	<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse		

Attach an additional sheet if you have more family members to include on the I-20.

Transfer Information

Have you ever attended the ALI before?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	If yes, when?
Were (or are) you currently attending another school in the U.S.?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	If yes, your school must complete and return the ALI Transfer Eligibility Form before we can give you an I-20. Forms are available at www.americanlanguage.org .
	School Name:

Declaration

I certify that I have read all the information regarding enrollment and I-20 processing and the information I am providing in the application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Special Needs

If you need special services to accommodate a physical, visual, or hearing disability, please describe:	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Pick-up (\$50 fee)
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More Information

Please fill out the information below to allow us to process your application: Where did you hear about the American Language Institute (ALI):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Past or present student at ALI	<input type="checkbox"/> ALI Catalog
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Embassy/Consulate
Internet <input type="checkbox"/> ALI web site <input type="checkbox"/> Other web site (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. family relative or friend
<input type="checkbox"/> Agent Agent's name:	<input type="checkbox"/> School counselor Please list school name:
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement Please list where you saw the ad:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

Programs & Requirements

Program	Requirements
English for Academic Purposes (EAP)	Prior instruction in English preferred.
International English for Communication (IEC)	Prior instruction in English.
Pre-MBA/Graduate Business Program	Intermediate to advanced English language proficiency based on on-site placement testing. Equivalency to TOEFL: 500/173/61 or IELTS 5.0 or FCE or BULATS Level 3 (60).
Certificate in Business for Global Practices (BGP)	Intermediate to advanced English language proficiency based on on-site placement testing. (Equivalency to TOEFL: 500/173/61)
Semester at SDSU and Semester at SDSU Certificate Programs, see pages 21-24	TOEFL 550/213/80 or TOEIC 760 or IELTS 6.5 or CAE A/B or BULATS Level 4 (75).
TESL/TEFL Seminar	Two+ years English teaching experience + TOEFL 500/173/61 or TOEIC 610 or IELTS 5.0 or FCE or BULATS Level 3 (60) or oral interview
amTEFL Certificate Program	No prior teaching experience required. Bachelor's degree required for job placement assistance (include transcripts in English) + essay + two letters of recommendation + TOEFL 550/213/80 for non-native English speakers

TOEFL = Test of English as a Foreign Language

TOEIC = Test of English for International Communication

IELTS = International English Language Testing System

CAE = Certificate in Advanced English

FCE = First Certificate in English

BULATS = Business Language Testing System

For alternate means of verifying English proficiency, contact the ALI.