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Visa and Enrollment Procedure for Foreign Nationals

Once you have been accepted into the program at The Los Angeles Recording School, you will need to acquire an appropriate student visa to study in the USA at The Los Angeles Recording School as a foreign national. The appropriate student visa for The Los Angeles Recording School is an M1 visa, unless you are the recipient of a Fullbright scholarship, in which case a J1 visa would be the appropriate visa. However, if you are the recipient of a Fullbright scholarship, Fullbright will take care of your visa needs with you and we recommend you review the matter with your contact at Fullbright.

To acquire the M1 student visa, you will need a letter of acceptance from The Los Angeles Recording School, which will be sent to you upon your acceptance into the program. In addition, you will need an I-20, which is a US Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services ("BCIS") form which states that:

- 1) you have been accepted to The Los Angeles Recording School;
- 2) you meet all requirements for acceptance to The Los Angeles Recording School;
- 3) you have a sufficient command of the English language to benefit from the program (all our programs are taught in the English language); and
- 4) you are in possession of sufficient funds to cover all your expenses while studying in the USA or that sufficient funds will be made available to you by a sponsor (family member or other individual or entity) to cover all your expenses while in the USA.

Prior to issuance of an I-20 by The Los Angeles Recording School, you must submit to The Los Angeles Recording School:

- 1) a completed International Student Information Form for the program into which you have been accepted; and
- 2) documentary evidence of your financial ability to meet your expenses while studying.

A certain amount of documentation will be required to evidence your financial ability to meet all your expenses and can be in the form of bank statements showing sufficient funds available to you (or your sponsor) or letters from financial institutions stating that sufficient funds are available to you (or your sponsor). If a sponsor is involved who is a USA citizen or legal resident, an affidavit from your sponsor testifying that he/she/they will be responsible for covering your expenses will be necessary (BCIS form I-134) which will need to be completed by your sponsor and signed under oath by your sponsor. **In addition, you may want to collect letters of recommendation from local authorities and scholars attesting to your commitment to pursue a course of study in the USA and your commitment to return home upon completion of your studies.** Remember, under the terms of an M1 student visa, you are not authorized to accept employment in the USA and to do so would jeopardize your student visa status.

Once you are in possession of the I-20 document, the I-134 document completed and signed by your sponsor (if needed), evidence of financial ability to meet your expenses in the USA and any letters of recommendation, contact the local USA Consulate or Embassy servicing your geographical area and make an appointment to apply for an M1 student visa. M1 student visas are only issued by the US Department of State and may be applied for at the US Consulate or Embassy servicing your geographical area.

If you are approved and receive an M1 visa, you may then enter the USA to pursue a course of study in the USA. Generally speaking, US Customs will allow a student to enter the USA 30 days prior to the start of an educational program for the purpose of establishing housing and acclimating, **however, please let the US Customs official at your port of entry know that you are entering the USA prior to the start of your educational program for this purpose so that the US Customs official will not note a departure date on your I-94 that is sooner than the end of the program.**

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,
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Section 4: Statement of Financial Eligibility

All students requesting an I-20 must demonstrate evidence of financial support for their stay in the U.S. You will need to attach a bank statement or letter with the amount indicated in U.S. dollars (this amount must be at least \$29,425).

Indicate the person or organization responsible for your expenses during your stay in the U.S.

- Myself
- Name of Parent (s) or Guardian _____
- Name of Sponsor _____

Please indicate the amount of total funds provided to cover all expenses while studying here in the U.S. (including tuition): \$ _____

The above total will be written on your I-20 and it will be verified by the embassy when you apply for your Visa.

Do you want to include your spouse and/or children on the SEVIS Form I-20?

- Yes No
- If yes, please provide the following information: (attach additional sheets if needed)

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Section 5: Highest Level Of Education

Do you have a High School Diploma /Degree? Yes No

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All International Students must have a high school diploma or degree, and are required to provide a High School credentials evaluation for acceptance into the program. The evaluation must be received in order to be accepted. We recommend you visit **WES.ORG** for more information on obtaining a High School Credential evaluation.

Section 6: Checklist

- 1. Completed Student Information Sheet (all sections)
- 2. Bank statement and/or bank verification letter
- 3. Copy of TOEFL score (required by all foreign nationals where English is not the first language)
- 4. High School credentials evaluation

Mail or fax to:

The Los Angeles Recording School
 Attn: Enrollment Services Coordinator
 6690 Sunset Blvd.
 Hollywood, CA 90028
 323-464-1883 fax

Questions:
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Section 7: Certification

Applicants or sponsors should sign this statement after reading it carefully.

I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

This is to guarantee that I accept full responsibility for the payment of educational and living expenses of the above name student during his/her term of studies at The Los Angeles Recording School.

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Should a foreign non-immigrant student attending The Los Angeles Recording School under an M1 Visa subsequently withdraw from the program and thus be entitled to a full or partial refund of tuition and fees as published in the applicable catalog of The Los Angeles Recording School, notwithstanding any provision of the refund policy as published in the catalog, any applicable refund will only be made upon presentation to The Los Angeles Recording School of appropriate documents evidencing that such a student has a) transferred to another educational institution approved to accept foreign non-immigrant students holding an M1 Visa; or b) been granted a change of visa status by the US BCIS which allows the student to remain in the USA without attending an educational institution authorized to accept foreign non-immigrant students holding an M1 Visa; or c) returned to his/her home country.