

California College of the Arts  
**I-20 Request Form for F-1 Visa**

Congratulations on your admission to CCA! These pages contain important information for obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility for the F-1 Student Visa (Form I-20). Please read them carefully. The following information is provided by the International Student Affairs and Programs Office (ISAP). Please feel free to contact ISAP at any time with questions by email at [isap@cca.edu](mailto:isap@cca.edu).

**What is a Form I-20 and Why do you Need One?**

The Form I-20 is a US government form. Only specially designated school officials can issue it. It states that the named student has been accepted for a full-course of study at CCA and that the school has reviewed those financial documents needed to prove that you have the financial means to live and study in the US for the full duration of your program. (Federal Regulation 8 C.F.R. § 214.3(k)(2); § 214.4(a)(1)(ix)) Without an I-20, it is not possible to obtain a student visa or maintain lawful F-1 status in the U.S. To receive your I-20 from CCA, you must complete the attached form and provide us with adequate documentation of financial support (see below #2).

***Important:***

**Plan ahead. Apply for your visa as soon as possible.**

One of the most important things you can do to ensure that you will be able to arrive in time for the start of your educational program in the US is to plan well in advance for the visa process. You can check the visa appointment waiting times at the embassy in your home country at this website:

[http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/tempvisitors\\_wait.php](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/tempvisitors_wait.php). There can be long delays for visa appointments in the summer months.

**If you are in the US as an F-1 student, do not travel outside the US and re-enter with an I-20 from any other school.**

You must attend the school that issued the Form I-20 you use to enter the US. If you are transferring from another US school, talk to us before you travel and be sure to re-enter with your newly issued CCA I-20.

**Receiving your I-20**

1. The I-20 Request form must be filled out **completely**. Incomplete information will not be accepted and will only result in delays for you. *You cannot make a visa interview appointment until you have your I-20.*
2. All financial support documentation must be written in or translated into English and amounts listed in US dollars. If amounts are not in US dollars, provide documentation of the current exchange rate and currency conversion.
  - All documentation must be in deposited, currently accessible, liquid assets in a savings/checking account. Securities, stocks etc. are NOT acceptable. *\*\*\*Merely providing sponsor income verification documents will not be accepted.*
  - Do not submit financial documents dated more than 4 months old.
  - Do not send faxes or copies, all documents must be originals. *NOTE: originals will not be returned*

**TOTALS (amount you are required to show for one year with a certified bank statement):**

Undergraduate = \$56,798

Summer English + Art Studio Program and Undergraduate = \$62,768

International Writing Skills Workshop-ESL and Undergraduate = \$62,273

Graduate = \$58,740

International Grad Prep Intensive and Graduate = \$64,190

MFA in Visual and Critical Studies = \$42,708

***\*\*\*NOTE: All F-1 students are required to purchase the CCA medical insurance plan and is included in the above cost of attendance amounts.***



