

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

Southwestern Community College is authorized under Federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. Proficiency in English language and satisfactory academic records are important factors in the admission decision for all applicants from outside the United States. International students must have graduated from a secondary school that is equivalent to secondary schools in the United States.

Non-immigrant students are subject to the same considerations as US citizens in the determination of residency status for tuition purposes except that holders of B, C, D, F, H, J and M visas may not be considered residents for tuition purposes and their dependent relatives may not be eligible for a tuition rate less than the out-of-state rate. The college cannot provide financial aid to most international students; therefore, students must have sufficient funds to cover all living expenses, tuition and fees for the duration of the course of study. A notarized financial resource statement is required of all international applicants. Student housing is not available on campus and international students are expected to make their own arrangements for housing.

The following documents must be received by Southwestern Community College before application for admission will be considered:

1. Applications

Each applicant must complete the standard SCC Application for Admission and the International Student Personal Data Sheet. Students requiring an I-20 Form must also complete the International Student Agreement Form.

2. Evidence of Financial Support

Estimated tuition, books, and living expenses for one academic year will cost at least **\$24,980** (tuition \$8544*, living expenses and books \$16,436). **SCC requires a notarized statement from you or your sponsor's bank that shows the above amount in US dollars.** This must be an original document. No copies will be accepted. Evidence of medical insurance should also be provided.

3. Evidence of English Competency

An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score report is required of all international applicants, except those from countries where English is the native language or if the applicant is a transfer student from another accredited US institution with English transfer credit. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is published and administered by the Educational Testing Service, PO Box 899, Princeton, New Jersey 08541 USA. The minimum acceptable TOEFL score is 173 for the computer-based test, and 61 for the Internet-based test.

4. Transcripts

A certified copy of the applicant's original educational record, to include all previous academic experiences, is required of all degree, diploma, or certificate-seeking students. If the original record is written in a language other than English, then a certified copy of an English translation is required. If the student is transferring from another US institution, the student must provide an official transcript from that institution and have the Designated School Official for International Students at that institution complete an International Student Transfer Recommendation Form.

5. Record of Immunizations

You may be required to show evidence of immunization records prior to acceptance into SCC.

All documents should be sent to: Clyanne Hyde
Southwestern Community College
447 College Drive
Sylva, NC 28779
USA

*Figure is based off of taking 16 credit hours or more a semester and does not include Summer session. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

(To be completed by international applicants who require Non-immigrant Visas)

Federal regulations require that Southwestern Community College have documentary evidence on file that you have sufficient financial means to pay tuition, required fees and living costs for you and your dependent family members (if any) for the entire duration of your proposed program of study (2 years for A.A.S. A. A. degree). The Certificate of Financial Responsibility (CFR) is the first step in the admission process. It must be reviewed and approved before an acceptance letter and Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or IAP-66) can be prepared. If you are already living in the United States, a change of status request must also be prepared. In addition, international applicants who are currently living in the United States must submit a Visa Clearance Form (VCR) before a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or IAP-66) can be issued.

As a single student, you are required to certify that you have a minimum of **\$24,980** deposit for the first year of study at Southwestern Community College, exclusive of travel expenses and setup costs. For the year, this amount will approximately cover tuition, living expenses, books and supplies. **If you are relying solely on yourself for support, you must show on deposit the full amount required for each year of your program at SCC.** If you are relying on the support of a sponsor, the sponsor must show proof that he/she has at least **\$24,980** on deposit and certify full support for the duration of your program of study. You should not expect employment, either part-time or during the summer months, to be a significant means of support. **Immigration regulations restrict employment by international students.**

Section I: Certification of sources and amounts by bank and sponsor

A. To be completed by bank official: I confirm the following information:

Depositor Name _____

Account # _____ Date Account Opened _____

Current Balance in US Dollars \$ _____ Today's Date _____

Bank Official's Title _____

Bank Official's Name (print) _____

Bank Official's Signature _____

Bank Name/Email/Fax _____

B. To be completed by sponsor: By signing below, I certify that I have and will give **\$24,980** to this student for the first year and an amount equal to or greater than this for the second year of study.

Parent/Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Sponsor's Name (print) _____

Mailing address _____

Email _____

Sponsor's Visa Status if in US _____ Non-immigrants in B, F, J, or H status may not sponsor an international student. If you are a US Permanent Resident, please attach a copy of your Alien Registration card.

I, (print name) _____ certify that the minimum amount of money that I have available for my first academic year of study is **\$24,980** (plus funds for spouse and children if applicable) and that the total amount available for the second year of study will be provided as shown above. Further, I certify that the information provided above is correct and that I shall not require additional financial assistance from the college or from any federal or state public assistance program. I fully understand the extent of my financial responsibilities to Southwestern Community College. I understand that I must continuously enroll as a full-time student at SCC (excluding summer) and that I cannot be employed.

Student Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to the Southwestern Community College Registrar's Office.