

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION



Welcome to Folsom Lake College!

Thank you for your interest in Folsom Lake College. The faculty and staff of Folsom Lake College – and the El Dorado and Rancho Cordova Centers – are committed to supporting student success. International students are considered a very important part of the college community. Please follow this information carefully and submit the required documents to the Folsom Lake College Admissions & Records office for review.

REQUIREMENTS FOR I-20 ISSUANCE

1. Evidence of English Proficiency:
 - a. Official TOEFL test result of 450 minimum (*written*) or 133 minimum (*computer based*) or 45 minimum (*internet based*), or;
 - b. IELTS test result of 5.0 minimum, or;
 - c. STEP Eiken – Completion of Level 2, Grade Pre-1 or higher (available for Japanese students), or;
 - d. FLC ESL Assessment Exam (only available at Folsom Lake College)
2. Financial Support: Official bank letter/BCIS affidavit of support in the exchange rate of \$15,500.00 U.S. Dollars (USD)
3. Educational History:
 - a. 1 Official high school diploma/transcript showing graduation, or;
 - b. 1 Official college transcript (Non-English documents must be accompanied by translated copies.)
4. International Student SEVIS form completed.
5. Los Rios online application completed.
6. \$50.00 (USD) Non-refundable application fee payable to Folsom Lake College.
7. Certification of Negative Tuberculosis Skin Test.
8. Evidence of Health Insurance.

If you are currently in the U.S. attending another school as an F-1 student, please submit these additional forms:

9. **FLC TRANSFER FORM.**
10. Copy of **VISA** stamp in your passport.
11. Copy of **I-94** in your passport.
12. Copy of your **current school's I-20** issued to you.

Step two: Academic Planning & Registration: As soon as you have submitted your international application packet, you should begin to prepare for your academic schedule. Please keep in mind that classes fill up quickly and you should register as soon as you can. As an international student you are required to enroll in and complete 12 units per semester. There are no exceptions to this without the approval of the International Student Advisor. Each of the following must be done before to prepare for course registration.

- ❑ **Apply:** You must apply online to Folsom Lake College in order to get your Student ID Number. You will need your ID Number to register for classes, check your grades, drop classes, etc.
- ❑ **Counseling:** There are a number of counselors available to help you with planning your academic program. Please try to make your appointment with Inna Tikhonov, the International Student Counselor. You can make an appointment with her at (916) 608-6510 or contact the International Student Advisor to make your appointment. It can be difficult to meet with a counselor at the beginning of each semester as they are very busy, so please call to make an appointment as soon as possible. Be sure to bring a copy of your test scores as well as any transcripts you may have.
- ❑ **Class Schedule:** The FLC Class Schedule contains important information on registration procedures as well as course information. You can purchase one in the Admissions Office or access it online. After you decide on the classes you will need with your counselor, you will use the class schedule to check the times and day of each class. Because classes fill up so quickly, it is important to choose some alternative sections or classes.
- ❑ **Health Insurance:** Hospital, doctor or dentist fees can be very expensive in the U.S. It is very important that you are responsible about having adequate health insurance. Before you can register for classes, you will need to show proof of health insurance coverage. FLC does not sell health insurance. But we do have a plan with a local insurance company: Somerton Student Insurance: www.somerton.ins.com. An information booklet is available for your information in the Admissions Office.



Folsom Lake College is a part of the Los Rios Community College District (www.losrios.edu). The Los Rios Colleges also include American River College, Sacramento City College, and Consumes River College. If you are an international student at Folsom Lake College, you may take classes at any of the other colleges, but must get prior approval. The total number of units you must take to maintain your F1 status is 12 per semester.



SEVIS ENROLLMENT FORM

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Please provide complete and accurate information.

Current Immigration Status:

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| Not in U.S. | F-1 | F-2 | B-1 or B-2 | J-1 | J-2 | H-1B | H-4 | Other (please explain) |
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Name, as appears on passport _____
Family First

City/Province of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Legal Residence _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Male Female

Social Security Number (if you have one): _____ - _____ - _____

Three Major Fields of Study: _____, _____, _____

I am applying for: FALL 20____ SPRING 20____ SUMMER 20____

I-20 will be: picked up mailed

Los Rios Student ID# _____

Email Address _____ Current Phone: _____

B

Address Information. You are required to keep your US residential address current with the College at all times. Please indicate here your current residential address in the US (no P.O. Box) and report any changes to the College. Your foreign address is your permanent address outside of the US.

U.S. Address:

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address Outside of the U.S.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ FAX#: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Person in USA to **CONTACT** in case of emergency, illness, financial:

Name: _____ Address: _____ Apt.#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone#:(____) _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____



FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

1. NEW STUDENTS OUT OF THE U.S.

If you are a new student who is currently out of the U.S. and will need to go through the F-1 visa application process, you should plan to apply **at least three months** before the start of the semester. The following deadlines apply:

- a. Fall semester: June 15th
- b. Spring semester: November 15th
- c. Summer semester: April 15th

It is important to remember that the issuance of an I-20 does not always guarantee that you will receive your F-1 visa. Please plan to apply early enough in case there is a delay with your documentation or difficulty in getting an appointment at the consulate.

According to F-1 regulations, international students who are entering the U.S. for the first time on an I-20 cannot enter the country more than **30 DAYS** prior to the start of the semester. Therefore, if the semester begins on August 15th, you will not be able to enter the U.S. before July 15th. For new students this may present a problem in getting the classes that you want in the first semester as the registration for the semester normally begins at least 2 months prior to the term. You will need to work with your counselor closely as soon as you arrive in the U.S.

2. TRANSFER STUDENTS:

If you are currently in the U.S. attending school at another institution as an international student in F-1 status, the following application deadlines apply:

- a. Fall semester: August 1st
- b. Spring semester: January 1st
- c. Summer semester: May 15th

Please be sure to inform your current school that you are transferring to Folsom Lake College. Also, please make sure that you submit all of the required documents, including transfer form, for the I-20 issuance to the admission office by the above dates.

3. CHANGE OF STATUS APPLICANTS:

If you are currently in the U.S. and are in a status other than F-1, you may need to change your status in order to study in the U.S. A change of status can be both time-consuming and expensive. There are two options to change your status. The first is to leave the U.S. to apply for an F-1 visa in your home country and re-enter the U.S. in F-1 status. The other option is to apply for a change of status through the US Customs and Immigration Services. Depending on your current status, there are some important considerations:

- a. B1 or B2 status: If you are in the U.S. on a visitor's or business visa and would like to become a student in the U.S., you must apply for and receive your change of status before you can begin your program. This can take a long time and the change of status is not always guaranteed.
- b. F-2 status: If you in the U.S. as a dependent of an F1 student, you will need to change your status in order to pursue a degree program. It is important that you apply for and receive the change of status before you begin the program.

If you are in another status, (J-1, J-2, H-1B, H-4, etc), please consult with Evelyn Retter concerning your options. **ALL APPLICANTS WHO NEED TO APPLY FOR A CHANGE OF STATUS IN THE U.S. SHOULD APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.** The following deadlines apply:

- c. Fall semester: June 15th
- d. Spring semester: November 15th
- e. Summer semester: April 15th

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS & SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

Folsom Lake College does not provide financial support to its international students. According to F-1 International Student Regulations, International Students must show sufficient financial support in their first academic year.

Estimated Expenses for One Year

Tuition fees **\$5,000.00 (U. S. Dollars)**
Tuition fees are subject to change without notice. International students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units each semester.

Meals/ Housing **\$10,500.00 (U. S. Dollars)**

Total: **\$15,500.00 (U. S. Dollars)**

This section must be filled out completely in order to be issued the I-20 document and complete international student admission requirements. **A STUDENT MAY SHOW A COMBINATION OF FUNDING FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM.**

STUDENT SUPPORT: *If a student is providing any or all of the funding for his/her study. An amount must be filled out in this section. An original and recent bank statement must be attached to this form. The amount on the bank statement must equal or be greater than \$14,000 if a student is supporting him/herself.*

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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Student Name | Amount | Name of Bank |

PARENT, RELATIVE, PERSONAL SPONSOR: *If a sponsor is providing financial support, this section must be completed. Be sure to include an original and recent bank statement. If a sponsor is not providing financial support, but providing room and board, the sponsor must certify that the student is living in his/her home.*

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| _____ | _____ |
| Name of Sponsor | Relationship to Student |

Financial Support

Amount

Room and Board: *This is to certify that the sponsor is providing room and board for the student for the duration of his/her studies. The sponsor certifies that the student is living in his/her home.*

Signature of Sponsor

Date

Sponsor Certification: This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

Signature of Sponsor

Date