

# International Student Admission Application



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in [Tidewater Community College](#) (TCC). Serving over 40,000 students with several degree programs in a range of fields, four convenient campuses, and hundreds of affordable day and evening classes, including English as a Second Language (ESL), TCC is one of Virginia's best educational values for individuals just like you! Over 100 countries are represented in our student body, making TCC a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming place for international students from all over the world. As a Virginia community college, TCC also has numerous [transfer agreements](#) and [guaranteed admission agreements](#) and with many of the state's best colleges and universities, making it a great place to start your post-secondary education in the U.S.

Enclosed are the **TCC I- 20 Application** and **Financial Affidavit of Support**. Please refer to the **Admission Checklist** (page 2) for a list of the forms and documents required for admission.

Submit all completed documentation to:

Tidewater Community College  
International Student Services  
1700 College Crescent  
Virginia Beach, VA 23453  
Email: [iss@tcc.edu](mailto:iss@tcc.edu)  
Phone: 757 - 822 - 7296  
Fax: 757 - 822 - 7544  
Website: [www.tcc.edu/iss](http://www.tcc.edu/iss)

## ADMISSION DEADLINES

<b>STUDENTS APPLYING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES</b>	<b>F-1 TRANSFER STUDENTS ALREADY STUDYING IN THE UNITED STATES</b>	<b>CHANGE OF STATUS APPLICANTS**</b>
<p><b>FALL:</b> JUNE 1</p> <p><b>SPRING:</b> OCTOBER 15</p> <p><b>SUMMER:</b> MARCH 1*</p> <p>*Subject to course availability.</p> <p>For actual semester start dates, visit check the TCC website: <a href="http://www.tcc.edu">www.tcc.edu</a></p>	<p>Please contact International Student Services for transfer admission deadlines.*</p> <p>*Subject to course availability.</p> <p>For actual semester start dates, visit the TCC website: <a href="http://www.tcc.edu">www.tcc.edu</a></p>	<p>**Visitors in B1/B2 status are advised to not submit admission documents to TCC for at least 60 days after initially arriving in the U.S.</p> <p>Applicants in B1/B2 status may not enroll in a course of study until F-1 status is acquired.</p> <p>F-2 dependents may enroll only in a part-time course of study (less than 12 credit hours). To enroll in 12 or more credit hours, F-1 status must be acquired.</p>

We thank you again for your interest and look forward to supporting you in pursuing an education here at TCC.

Best Wishes,  
International Student Services

# Admission Checklist

The following documents must be received before an acceptance letter can be processed and the Form I - 20 issued:

- [TCC Application for Admission](#)
- I - 20 Application**
- Financial Affidavit of Support** (page 8)
- Demonstration of English proficiency** (page 5)
- Documentation of completion of secondary studies:** Please provide a copy of your secondary school diploma/final certificate (with an official English translation, if applicable)
- Copy of the identification page of valid passport**

\*F-1 Transfer Students must submit these additional documents:

- Copy of current form I - 20, F - 1 visa, most recent I - 94, and identification page of valid passport
- Copy of I - 539 Approval Notice if you have been approved for a change of status to F - 1
- Academic transcripts from your current school (ESL and IEP transcripts do not need to be submitted)

# TCC I-20 Application

I am seeking admission to TCC as an F-1 Student for:

Spring\_\_\_\_ Fall\_\_\_\_ Summer\_\_\_\_

**Official name as it appears on your passport (Please print clearly)**

Family/Surname\_\_\_\_\_First/Given\_\_\_\_\_Middle\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**Permanent Address outside of the U.S.**

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about TCC? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or a family member submitted an application for U.S. Permanent Residence on your behalf?

Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Do you have an application pending at a USCIS Service Center to request a status other than F-1?

Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ If you answered YES, what status have you requested? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pending I-485 to Adjust Status? Yes \_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

F-1 DEPENDENTS Please list below any dependents (spouse and/or children) seeking F-2 status and provide copies of their passport(s). You must also provide evidence of additional financial support for dependents: \$6,000 for a spouse; \$4,000 for each child. Adult F-2 dependents may enroll only in a part-time course of study (less than 12 credit hours). To enroll in 12 or more credit hours, F-1 status must be acquired. LIST DEPENDENTS SEEKING F-2 STATUS:

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## F-1 Transfer / Change of Status Applicants

If you are already in the U.S., what is your current visa status? \_\_\_\_\_ If your current visa status is not F-1, enter the last day you are authorized to stay in the U.S., as shown on your **Form I-94** or **DS2019** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Are you currently in the United States attending a SEVIS approved school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Location of School \_\_\_\_\_

Have you maintained your F-1 status at your current school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you engaged in or have you completed Post Completion OPT? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*(In order to maintain your current F-1 status, you must ask your current school to release your SEVIS record to Tidewater Community College within 60 days of **either** your program end date or OPT end date. The gap between the TCC program start date and previous program or OPT end date cannot be 5 months or more if you wish to remain in the U.S. during that gap.)*

Where do you currently live? Please print your U.S. mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and apt # City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

**CAUTION:** If you are a new F-1 student in initial status that just entered the U.S. on another school's I-20, you are eligible to transfer from your current school to TCC only if you can complete your admission and begin classes within 30 days of your arrival to the U.S. **A new TCC F-1 student in initial status can only transfer if the new school's program start date is within 30 days of your arrival in the U.S. AND the provided you can produce an acceptance letter from the school you intended to transfer to.** Please be aware that admission deadlines apply!

**NOTE:** F-1 transfer students must begin classes within 5 months of the date of last attendance OR program completion date at their current school (whichever date is earlier). If the next available term does **not** begin within 5 months of your date of last attendance or program completion date at your current school, you may be required to depart the U.S. and re-enter the country in initial status to begin your new program. When your admission to TCC pursuant to an I-20 is complete and your SEVIS record is released to TCC, you must report to International Student Services within 15 days of the program start date indicated on your I-20 to complete your transfer.

# English Proficiency Requirements

For non-native English speakers, Tidewater Community College requires demonstration of some proficiency for admission, even to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. **To demonstrate English proficiency, applicants must provide one (1) of the following:**

- A minimum international [TOEFL](#) score of 61 iBT. TCC's TOEFL School Code is 5787.
- An academic [IELTS](#) score of 6.0 or higher
- Successful completion of TCC's [ESL placement test](#)
- A GCE or GCSE (O-Level/A-Level) passing score in English (grade A - C) or IGCSE pass in English as a Second Language
- Transcripts from an accredited U.S. college/university for Freshman Composition
- Evidence of possession of a U.S. college/university degree (Associate's, Bachelor's, etc.)

\*English proficiency requirements are subject to change without notice. Except for presentation of transcripts showing successful completion of Freshman Composition at an accredited U.S. college/university or evidence of possession of a U.S. college/university degree, the above items will be used only for the purpose of determining admissibility and issuance of an initial ESL I-20. Prior to enrollment, all applicants with an ESL I-20 will take a placement test to determine the appropriate TCC course level.

## Degree Programs

TCC is authorized by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to admit F-1 students and issue the Form I-20 ONLY for **the programs listed below**. (NOTE: F-1 students may not be issued an I-20 for any of the Health Professions. Please contact ISS for more information.)

Write the name of your selected program here \_\_\_\_\_

A.A. and A.S. College Transfer Programs	A.A.A. and A.A.S. Applied Science and Arts Programs	
<a href="#">Business Administration</a> <a href="#">Computer Science</a> (Pre -Admission)* <a href="#">Engineering</a> <a href="#">General Studies</a> <a href="#">Liberal Arts</a> <a href="#">Science</a> <a href="#">Social Science</a>  <b>English As a Second Language</b> <a href="#">ESL</a>	<a href="#">Accounting</a> <a href="#">Administrative Support Technology</a> (Business) <a href="#">Management</a> <a href="#">American Sign Language</a> <a href="#">Computer Aided Drafting and Design</a> (CADD) <a href="#">Culinary Arts</a> <a href="#">Criminal Justice</a> <a href="#">Fire Science Technology</a> <a href="#">Electronics Technology</a> <a href="#">HVAC and Refrigeration</a> <a href="#">Graphic Design</a> <a href="#">Horticulture</a>	<a href="#">Hospitality Management</a> <a href="#">Interior Design</a> <a href="#">Information Systems Technology</a> <a href="#">Maritime Technologies</a> <a href="#">Studio Arts</a> <a href="#">Mechatronics</a> <a href="#">Human Services</a> <a href="#">Paralegal Studies</a> <a href="#">Early Childhood Development</a> <a href="#">Industrial Technology</a> <a href="#">Civil Engineering Technology</a> <a href="#">Funeral Service</a> (Pre-Admission)*

\*Applicants wishing to apply to degree programs with a pre-admission designation will be initially issued a General Studies I-20 until the applicant demonstrates that they have met all pre-requisites for these specialized programs.

# Emergency Contact Information

In case of a severe illness or other emergency circumstance, I wish the following person to be contacted:

**Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to You** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signing this statement is optional, but your permission is strongly recommended to allow us to assist you in an emergency.** I hereby grant full authority to the Intercultural Learning Center (ILC) staff and/or their designate to obtain and/or release any educational, medical, or other necessary information concerning me to my family, government, or similar person or agency if it is deemed to be necessary to protect my financial, legal, medical, or personal interests. I also grant the ILC staff the permission to obtain necessary medical care for me should I be unable to grant the required permission. I understand that a record of all such releases will be kept and that this authority will remain in effect unless revoked by me in writing.

## Health Insurance Requirements

All TCC F-1 students must carry health insurance for themselves and all dependents in F-2 status. Evidence of health insurance coverage for the entire semester must be submitted during the student's first week of classes and must be **continuously** maintained the entire time that the student studies at TCC, even during the summer. Approved insurance policies must meet minimum requirements as specified below:

- Medical benefits of at least \$100,000 per accident or illness; pregnancy and prescription coverage; emergency room coverage to the full benefit of the policy.
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000.
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation to the student's home country in the amount of \$25,000.
- A deductible not to exceed \$300 per accident or illness.
- A provision for co - insurance/co - payment of not more than 25% of the covered benefits per accident or illness.

\*Students who enter the United States with government health insurance policies must provide International Student Services with a detailed description of policy benefits, in English, to demonstrate that the policy benefits meet the above requirements.

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Requirements

F-1 applicants must provide evidence that sufficient funds are available to cover all educational and living expenses while studying at TCC. Financial support must meet or exceed TCC's estimated costs identified below:

<b>Estimated Annual Expenses</b>		<p>This 12-month budget is only an estimate of living expenses and is based on a Fall and Spring enrollments of 12 credits.  <b>Summer tuition is not included.</b></p> <p>Actual living expenses may be higher based on utilities and personal spending habits.</p> <p><b>Additional Funds Required for Dependents:</b>  <b>Spouse: \$6,000; Child: \$4,000</b></p>
Tuition (Fall & Spring only)	\$ 9,000	
Books (est. \$400 per semester)*	\$ 400	
Rent (est. based on \$700 per month)	\$ 8,400	
Food (based on \$150 per month)	\$ 1,800	
Living Expenses (est. \$200 per month)	\$ 2,400	
Health Insurance	\$ 800	
*Textbooks may cost more (or less) per semester, depending on course requirements.		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,800**</b>	

**\*\*Tuition rates are subject to change without notice.** TCC is non-residential community college; no on-campus student housing is available. You will be responsible for making your own living arrangements.

*I understand that, as an F-1 student, I must enroll in a full course of study. I also understand that if tuition payment(s) is/are not made in accordance with published payment deadlines, I will be dropped from my classes, which could result in a violation of my F-1 visa status.*

*I also attest that I have read and understand all of the information contained within the pages of this application and that all information provided therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



# Financial Affidavit of Support

Tidewater Community College can provide you with an I-20 only after you submit satisfactory evidence that you have, or have access to, adequate funds to cover your living and study-related expenses while here in F-1 status. Acceptable financial documents must have been issued by the financial institution(s) within 6 months of the date this affidavit is submitted and must consist of liquid assets that are available in non-retirement or non-restricted funds. Financial sponsorship may come from a parent, family member, or any other individual who will be providing you with the support outlined above. **Please have your sponsor(s) complete the section below.** If you have more than one sponsor, have each complete a separate copy of this document.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that I am willing and able to provide  
(Please print the full name of the sponsor)

**Full / Partial** support in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Dollars to  
(Please circle one)

cover the living and study expenses incurred by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print the full name of the student)

during the length of the program of study to which their application pertains. My relationship to the

student is that of \_\_\_\_\_. I have authorized the release of my

accompanying financial documents to verify that the promised financial resources are available to me. I

understand that this affidavit will be used by the student for the purpose of obtaining/maintaining an F1

visa or F1 status. I also understand that F1 students must enroll in a full course of study and that if tuition

payment(s) is/are not made in accordance with published payment deadlines, the student will be dropped

from classes, which could result in a violation of their F1 visa status. I affirm that I know and understand

the contents of this affidavit and that the statements are true and correct.

**Sponsor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_