



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education

A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on

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Facebook Chat Transcript

US Vice Consul: No All universities that have I20 issuing authority are legally the same. That said, you should be able to explain why you chose your particular university out of the literally thousands that exist in the U.S.

Student: If rejected Can a Student know the reason for rejection, if so what is the procedure to ask the VO?

US Vice Consul: The officer will normally give an applicant a refusal letter to explain in general why they did not qualify. The applicant should be able to surmise from the way the interview went why s/he did not qualify. We, unfortunately, cannot be more specific because we look at the totality of circumstances and most of the time it is not just one thing that went wrong during the interview.

Student: Hello officer, I understand that you judge the applicant based on the totality of an application, but is having a relative who is now a green card holder hurt or enhance the applicant's prospects?

US Vice Consul: Having a relative in the U.S. who is a U.S. citizen or green card holder or H1B holder has no bearing on the applicant's qualifications for the F1 visa.

Student: If a student is approved VISA for a university and after studying a semester or even before that transfers to another University, will there be any issues for him in US?/

US Vice Consul: The student will have to work with the international student office at the university to make sure the transfer is done properly.

Student: Mumbai Consulate has scheduled VI for F1 students on 28th May n rumors are going on that on that day most of the Student VISAs will be approved, I guess that's not true?? Your insights on this...

US Vice Consul: Students will still need to qualify for the visa as they normally would. The only difference is that there will be a focus on student visas for that day due to the large volume of students applying.

Student: If I have working sibling/siblings in the US, would that in any way affect the decision of the F1 interview? Kindly clarify.

US Vice Consul: No.

Student: Hi Officer, If VO asks me about GRE n TOEFL scores can I give the printout taken from the respective portals. Would that be fine??

US Vice Consul: You can give the printout, but the officer most likely wants to hear from you rather than read the paper. Be ready to answer questions during the interview rather than relying on paper to do your talking for you.

Student: Hello Officer, I am writing in regard with the status of my first and fresh H1b visa application which is under administrative processing(221g white).I have attended visa interview

on December 19, 2013 at Hyderabad consulate, India. Visa officer gave me a white slip which is ticked as administrative processing initially visa officer took all my documents such as (employer-client contract letter, offer letter, LCA, i797, I 129, employer tax returns, etc.) and returned back everything. After three weeks of my interview, Consulate questioned the Client(World one international, LLC, Atlanta) through email requesting some information, where i am going to work there as System Analyst(java). Well my client answered to the consulate with appropriate information attaching client offer letter. As it's been nearly 5 months I have been waiting for the status, Could you please give me suggestion regarding this issue, and please help me in this situation, Thank you.

US Vice Consul: We are not able to answer questions about individual cases on a public forum like this. Please contact the call center to ask specific questions about your case.

Student: Hi officer can I go for a F1 visa interview before my last semester exams starts as the exams have postponed due to general elections.

US Vice Consul: You need to be admitted to a U.S. university and have the I20 in your hand. You also cannot do an interview more than 120 days before the start date on your I20. Otherwise, there are no other restrictions on when you can apply for the F1 visa.

Student: Thanks sir I have the i-20 with me

Student: Hello good afternoon [U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad](http://travel.financialexpress.com/latest-updates/2513-us-consulate-general-organises-student-visa-day-on-may-28) I have a query regarding (<http://travel.financialexpress.com/latest-updates/2513-us-consulate-general-organises-student-visa-day-on-may-28>) this URL on 28th may all the F1 visas will be approved ??? And is that F1 visa day is in only Mumbai or applicable to Hyderabad also

US Vice Consul: Consulate General Mumbai is doing a Student Visa Day on May 28th where they will interview only student visa applicants. But, there is no guarantee that the visa will be issued. Applicant must still qualify for the visa like they always must.

Student: Hyderabad consulate does such F1 visa day for Hyderabad students

Student: Dear Sir/Madam, My query is regarding sponsorship for masters in USA... my question is can my maternal uncle or brother (i.e. my mother's sisters husband or son) sponsor my education in USA as my parents are not in condition to sponsor me... my uncle and cousin are more than willing to sponsor me for my higher education as we have very good bond with them?

US Vice Consul: You need to prove to the Consular officer that you can pay for the first year of studies and have a plan on how the remaining years will be paid for. The source of funding needs to be credibly explained, but there is no restriction on the source of funds in terms of which family member is providing the funds.

Student: Hello officers Thanks for helping us out, my question is should i carry documents of my property (land) to the interview?

US Vice Consul: We recommend that you bring with you any documents you think substantiate your bona fides as a student and your ability to pay for the education. But, don't be surprised if the officer approves or refuses the visa without looking at the documents.

Student: Is the Xerox copies sufficient sir?

US Vice Consul: yes

Student: Is bank loan that necessary for visa because I have only savings amount saved by my father for my further education, will there be any problem with that?

Student: Yeah sir, thank you!

Student: Dear Sir/Madam Firstly I'd like to whole heartedly thank you for taking time in answering our queries' received my I-20 for Fall term 2014 this week, but my final semester results is expected in the first week of June '14. I wish to know if I can apply for my F-1 visa before obtaining my final semester results.

US Vice Consul: Yes.

Student: Dear Sir/Madam,
I want to book my visa slot on 30th June. But few of my friends suggesting me like end of the month and end of the weekend, visa rejections will be high. Is that true?
Awaiting for your reply

US Vice Consul: There is no quota or other such system where certain dates or times are better or worse for applying for a visa. All applicants must qualify for the visa category they are applying for.

Student: Hi officer can I carry the scanned copy of my I 20 at the time of my visa interview.

US Vice Consul: We would like to see the original with an original signature

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Student: Hello. This is [Aditya Prasad](#). I'd like to clarify a query regarding the rejection of VISA. Can I be entitled to apply again to US? Can you kindly send me a video link regarding the consulate entrance & how many times can I attempt the interview? Kindly suggest me the above stated.

Thanking you E. Aditya Prasad

US Vice Consul: Yes, you can apply again. However, be sure that you can explain how things have changed since your last interview or what miscommunication you think occurred that resulted in the visa denial.

US Vice Consul: All non-immigrant visa applications are given every possible consideration consistent with U.S. immigration law. However, there is never a guarantee that any applicant will have his/her visa application approved. Individuals whose nonimmigrant visa applications were refused are eligible to reapply. We do not recommend that applicants reapply unless they are able to present significant new evidence that addresses the previous grounds for refusal. You can look us up on you Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/USConsulateHyderabad>. For further information.

US Vice Consul: any more questions? About seven more minutes to go