



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education

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Student: Hello! In my passport, my full name, Abishek Mohan, is printed against the given name, leaving the surname blank. Will that be an issue during my Visa Interview? Kindly advice. Thank you.

U.S. Vice Consul: Not sure if this is about a student visa or not, but I'm happy to answer it anyway! U.S. immigration law requires that a nonimmigrant visa be printed with the applicant's surname. If an applicant does not have a surname in the passport, the applicant's given name is printed on the visa in the place of surname. The term: FNU ("First Name Unknown") is then printed on the visa in the place of the given name. You should type in your full name (as shown on your passport) in the "surname field" on the DS-160 form and type in the word: FNU in the "given name field."

Student: I will get my I20 within 15 days but it may take merely 1 month for my official TOEFL. Can I carry the copy of scores that I received over the internet on the TOEFL website.

U.S. Vice Consul: Tests such as the GMAT, GRE, or TOEFL are not required to apply for a U.S student visa. However, many universities do require these tests for admission and consular officers may ask about them to assess your academic preparation for the course of study you are proposing. We look at the totality of a student's profile during their interview, so you should be prepared to talk about your academic past in India and future plans. Bring what you have and we'll take a look!

Student: For the first time attended visa, then officer has asked 3 questions I.e. what's ur academic % ----answered 70, do you have any back logs----answered no backlogs, then finally asked which univ did you applied----- answered california state univ-east bay. Then officer told I could not issue the visa. As I have answered honestly and it's fact that certificate are also says that. What could be reason for this conversation

U.S. Vice Consul: It's great that you were honest with the interviewing officer...that's the most important thing. Unfortunately, sometimes, the honest answer means that you don't meet the qualifications for the visa. It's not possible for me to know exactly why the visa was refused, based on your summary here. Consular officers look at the totality of a student's profile during their interview to

assess whether they meet the qualifications for a visa class. If you choose to apply again, be just as honest as the first time -- good luck!

Student: Hello admin how many times can I a student try for f1 visa interview(maximum number) if he is got rejected for a particular intake???? what is max number for f1 interview's can a student try for a intake may be fall, spring or summer??? please do inform me???

U.S. Vice Consul: You can apply as often as you want. Applicants who were refused a visa are always eligible to reapply; all visa applications are given every consideration consistent with U.S. immigration law. The decision for each application is made based on the circumstances presented at the time of the interview. If you were recently denied a visa, you should be prepared to talk about what has changed in your personal situation that addresses the reason for your visa denial. There is no maximum number of student visas -- we are happy to issue one to each and every applicant who qualifies for one.

Student: my f1 visa got rejected in 2006, giving a reason as mis representation of the document,212(a)(6)(c)(1)..please let me know can i apply for usa for any other visa again or not..please help..

U.S. Vice Consul : When there is a finding of fraud or misrepresentation in a visa application, the person generally becomes ineligible for a visa for 90 years, or until the person is 99 years old. Because of that, we tend to say that it is a "permanent" ineligibility, since most of us don't live that long! The only way for a visa to be issued to someone with an ineligibility like this is for the applicant to, first of all, meet all other requirements for the visa. If he/she does meet the other requirements, then the Department of State (consular officer) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, immigration) will determine whether the permanent ineligibility will be waived for the applicant for this one visa application. If so, the visa will be issued for a limited period of time, as determined by DHS. This is one reason why it is so important to be open and honest in your application and the material you present to the consular officer.

Student: I have applied for masters in Electrical in U.S and I did not take English proficiency test, I requested collage admission department to give an conditional admit by promising them the I will take English course in their collage. So if I will get a conditional admit from the collage department then should i apply for Visa saying that I am going to take English course or I can apply directly for masters and what will be my Visa chances in this situation

U.S. Vice Consul: Your application should reflect what your plans are, i.e., study English and then enroll in the Masters program -- and the I-20 should also show that. The school should indicate on the I-20 that you are admitted subject to English language courses.

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