

(Note: Due to a technical error, the transcript for the first part of our web chat was lost. We have posted the remaining parts below. We will collect unanswered and frequently asked questions from the web chats and post them on our website soon.)

P: the University i applied to is asking for financial documents to get I20, do i have to send income sources or only bank statement to get my I20.

Consular2: @P: We don't know the answer. The university issues the I-20, and you have to ask them about their requirements.

Consular4: @P, we cannot tell you what to send the university in the U.S. That is up to them. You should contact them with your question.

Gaurab: Is there a low chance of getting visa when applying to community college?

Consular3: @Gaurab: community colleges are great, but you still need to show you can afford it, are a credible student, and will return to Nepal

P: Can I have multiple sponsors for my graduate studies?

prajwol: i mean my gpa is quite less cant i apply student visa ever

Consular5: @Prajwol: You are welcome to apply for the visa but your grades are one of the factors we consider when looking at whether or not you qualify for a student visa.

S.S: I consider myself as average student however it is very important for me to learn and study further for my professional career but because of my +2 marks I am afraid to apply, what more things can be done to prove my study intention?

Consular7: @S.S.: Everyone is welcome to apply. We cannot pre-adjudicate a student. It is your personal decision about whether to apply

Gaurab: How long i should wait to apply again after I get rejected?

guest: my Green Card application is under process and it take around 8 yrs so i decided to study in us rather than wasting my time in nepal so does all this circumstance affect my visa?

Consular4: @guest, the fact that you have a pending immigrant petition on your behalf could impact your application. You must be able to demonstrate your intent to depart to the U.S. at the end of your study. If an applicant's clear intent is to immigrate to the U.S., their visa will be refused.

Rakesh Chaudhary: I have a small amount of loan provided by the college as a part of financial aid package. I don't need to pay the principal or interest for the first 4 years while i'm a full time student at the college but will need to pay the loan along with small interest in the next 6 years after graduation and loan will be paid in installment. Is having loan going to affect the probability of getting VISA because it seems like most of the good colleges/universities put a little bit of loan in the financial aid package that they provide.

Consular1: @Rakesh Chaudhary: The source of funding can come from many sources, including loans. You may want to think about how you will pay off the loan after the completion of your study.

Ashish Uprety: Hello! i was wondering if having a family member already in the USA in non-immigrant visa affect the chances of the next family member applying for visa to the USA even if both members have enough financial asistantship from the universities and none are dependent on family funds for their graduate studies?

Consular3: @Ashish: having family members in the US does not disqualify you, but you still need to show funds and that you intend to return to Nepal. If all of your family is in the US, it may be difficult to convince the officer you will leave.

abhi: Any suggestions on how I can prove to the consular that my genuine intention is to study in the US, which is in real. I guess there are other basis of judgements too other than the marks.

Consular2: @Abhi - We look at your student history as an indication of how you will perform in the future, and we also consider your ability to articulate your academic and career plans. Students with poor academic histories have a difficult time qualifying for student visas to the US.

S.S: I have already applied previously and have been rejected because of that fact So I would like to make sure of that. Thank you

Consular7: S.S: You are welcome to re-apply, however, if you did not previously qualify based on a poor academic history, it will be difficult to qualify in general.

Gaurab: What may be the sources of income? Is it mandatory to provide bank statment of more than 6 months?

Consular3: @Gaurab: There is no mandatory requirement of bank statements for more than six months. You just need to show what income you have to pay for school.

Ghmy 2: I got full tuition waiver(nearly \$38,000) from a very good university. However, I still have to pay for the room and board(which is nearly 12,000) a lot compared to other universities. Since this amount is very high, will this affect my chances of getting a VISA? Do you think this amount is high and will affect my VISA chances?

Consular1: @Ghmy 2: Consular Officers are required to use the amount listed on your I-20. This is the amount you need to demonstrate at the interview that you can afford.

guest: and other thing hopefully i'll get greencard visa so i don't want to waste a time in here so can u plz help me out

Consular7: @guest: If your goal is to get Legal Permanent Residency and immigrate to the United States, than you should not apply for an F1 student visa. The F1 student visa is a non-immigrant visa intended for students who intend to be in the United States for a short period of time.

S.S: Is Gre/GMAT compulsory to obtain visa?

consular6: S.S: consular section doesn't require Gre/GMA

Ashim Shrestha: will it help my visa application if I have received scholarship?

Consular2: @Ashim - Having a scholarship can help show that you can cover the cost of your studies, but you must meet all of the requirements of the visa.

Consular4: @Ashim Shrestha, a scholarship MAY help you qualify for the visa. The ultimate question that must be answered is, can you afford the education? If the scholarship is large enough to make the education affordable, yes it helps. If the remaining amount is still too large, a refusal is still possible.

prajwol: id like to apply at minesota university but their gpa requirement is 3 or 4 bt my gpa is around 2 cant i apply for the particular university

Consular5: @prajwol: Please check with the university. We cannot answer that question.

Consular1: @prajwol: That is between you and the university. We are here to discuss student visas.

Yaya Nana: Can a student demonstrate the financial ability to pay using proofs other than savings? Like income statement?

Consular5: @yaya nana: Sure, the income source could be anything, but you must show your ability to bear all the expenses during your study in U.S.

nima: could you please clarify how can i show my sponsor's strong tie to the US? Actually i have studied all my life under the sponsorship from an INGO, based in US.

Consular4: @ Nima, you do not have to show your Sponsor's strong ties to the U.S. You must demonstrate YOUR strong ties to Nepal and your plans at the conclusion of study to depart the U.S.

S.S: I applied for Bachelor but I have better scores in bachelors now to study for Masters

Consular7: @S.S.: I am not sure what your question is and we cannot pre-adjudicate any visa, but please review our information for student visas at: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html

Ronish: what kind of financial proof is needed? I mean only bank statement will be enough or other things are needed?

Consular2: @Ronish - You need to show you can cover the costs of studying in the US. You may submit any documents you feel meet this requirements.

Consular4: @Ronish, you can demonstrate your income in any way that you believe will demonstrate the real income/savings to the officer. That can include savings account information from your bank. Longer history is better than shorter.

Consular1: @Ronish: Financial support can come from many sources. However, we recognize that college can be very expensive--many American families struggle to pay college tuition costs. Thus, we recommend you select a school your family can realistically afford.

Gaurab: will the chance of getting visa is reduced after gettting rejected 1 2 times?

Consular3: @gaurab: every officer looks at the documents presented at each interview, but if you've been rejected twice or more, then it indicates your qualifications are perhaps not sufficient to get the visa.

Consular4: @Gaurab, you can apply as many times as you like. However, after a few refusals, it should become clear that the applicant may simply not be qualified.

prajwol: its very difficult for master in engineering to get visa i hard so bt im ready 4 challenges would u guys can help

kisusan: i am expecting i 20 within this week and also planning to get married at the same time. does it affect me if my wife (expected) also apply for depended visa along with me?

Consular2: @Kisuan - Having a dependent does not affect your chances of getting the visa, but you must be able to show you can cover the costs of your dependent's stay in the US. F visa holders are NOT permitted to work in the US unless authorized by DHS.

Consular2: And dependents are never authorized to work.

dipendra: financial document will you please clarify about this?whether it is bank statements or i need to have money in my bank account?

Saru: I am a graduate student at one university where I am doing my Phd. I am planning to invite my parents this summer to the united states and show them major attractions in the US. My parents will return after one or two months. As I am in Graduate Assistantship and got an fellowship last year and have sufficient money to assist in my parents travel. Would you please tell what documents should my parents bring to the interview. Do they need to show strong bank balance? My parents has ties and are regularly receiving pension from Nepal and are living with grandchildren. What documents should I send from here so that my parents bring at the interview. I highly appreciate your answers.

Consular3: @Saru: Yes, your parents need to show their ties to Nepal and why they are going. They should also be very clear about why they are going, what they will see, etc.

Ashim Shrestha: Can you tell me if major will affect my chances of getting visa.If my major of study is not useful in Nepal, will it hurt my visa chances?

Consular7: @Ashim: All applicants must demonstrate the same things: intent to be a student, intent to leave America at the conclusion of your studies, and the funding to cover the cost of the educational program. Your course of study may be a factor.

B: B: for student visa, are these the only steps -to fill online form, go to nabil bank and pay the amount, fix an interview date.

consular6: B.B: As long as you have received your I-20, yes, those are the only steps you need to do.

Consular1: @B:B: The complete instructions for applying are available at our website, <http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas.html>, and USEF Nepal can also assist you with the process.

Ronish: How can I convince the officers of my intend to return back to nepal after studies?

Consular5: @ronish: You should be able to demonstrate your strong ties to Nepal - financial, social and family ties...that would compel you to come back to Nepal.

Consular7: @Ronish: We cannot advise you on what to say. You must be able to show that you intend to return to Nepal after your studies conclude - that includes strong economic, social and family ties outside of the U.S.

Gaurab: Can I apply again or not?

Consular3: @Gaurab: you can apply for a student visa as many times as you'd like and a different officer will do the interview each time. But, we know it is expensive and you should carefully consider your chances before applying again.

Yaya Nana: You repeat that financial documents are not mandatory when a student applies for a visa but must be prepared to answer questions. Do consulars even ask about parent's salaries(amount)?

Consular5: @Yaya Nana: applicant must prove their ability to cover all the expenses during their study in U.s. This could be done by showing their source of income, sponsors, scholarships, etc.

Consular2: Hi everyone, just a reminder that the U.S. Educational Foundation in Gyaneshwor is a great resource for answers to questions about applying to U.S. schools. We strongly advise against using other educational consultancies in Nepal, because many of them do not provide free, accurate and unbiased information.

Bishal Shrestha: my brother is a permanent resident in US. Is it possible that he bear my tuition cost?

Consular4: @Bishal Shrestha, any sponsor can help bear your tuition costs. However, the officer must believe, A) they earn enough to meet the requirements and B) they will truly help pay perhaps a very large amount while simultaneously caring for themselves / their family.

Gaurab: does embassy keep our previous all records?

Consular2: @Gaurab - We do not hold onto your documents, but we do have records of your previous applications.

guest 4: my big brother is in US and my parents are also going there for tourist visa and will return after 3 mth so if i apply for student visa will it affect my chances, (i had GTA that covers my tuition fee and half of the living expenses?

Shree Raj Shrestha: Dear Consular, can I show campus jobs and paid-internships as a support for my personal expenses?

Consular2: @Shree Raj - If you have DHS authorized work in the US, it must be listed on your I-20 at the time of your interview. Otherwise you will need to show you can cover the cost on your I-20.

Ghmy 2: I will complete my Bachelors in USA. Then, I will go to France for the further studies. Does this count as an intend to return to Nepal.

Consular3: @Ghmy 2: you need to have a residence abroad that you intend to return to. Whether that is France or Nepal, it doesn't matter.

B: how can we demonstrate intent to be a student. can having a good academic records show it

Consular1: @B: In addition to transcripts and English language ability, you should be prepared to explain why you chose the institution and area of study--which college you chose is not as important as why you chose it.

kisuan: i am getting stipned of 17000 usd anually and full tution waiver from washington state university to study MS in soil science. Should i have to show the finanacial statement? if yes then how much?

Consular2: @Kisuan - We cannot answer specific questions. You need to show you can cover the cost that you are responsible for, as listed on your I-20.

Ronish: How much help does it bring if one has good academic records?

Consular4: @Ronish, a good academic record is very helpful. But it still is only one component of the assessment. Even if the student is 1st division with distinction, if they cannot afford the education, or cannot credibly explain their education and career goals, they may not qualify.

Gaurab: Sir, you says that transaction is not mandatory but during interview they sometimes ask..

Saru: @Consular 3. Thank you for your answers. Do I have to send bank balance, I20, employment letter, admission letter, transcript in my parents file. Also as I am not inviting them on my graduation as it is only after 3 years, but this summer, where I could manage time for them for 2 months, does that affect getting visa for my parents?

Rakesh Chaudhary: I have been accepted my a good college with enough financial support but I do have small amount of loan that the college provided.

Consular7: @Rakesh: A loan provided by the college is certainly helpful in showing you can pay for the school program. You must show sufficient funding to cover the cost of your entire education.

brabin: hello. i have a second division in my high school and I wanted to know that affect my chances of being eligible for student visa ? IS there any way to compensate for the low GPA I have?

Gaurab: If I have full funding including tuition, boards and all other expenses, do I still need to provide financial docs?

Consular2: @Brabin - You must demonstrate that you have genuine student intent and the ability to be a good student in the US. Students with a poor student history often have difficulty showing they meet this requirement.

nima: I have heard of nepalese students getting visa on 3rd or 4th interview . On what basis do consular officer get convinced that he/she is a qualified student after several attempts?

Consular3: @Gaurab: it isn't mandatory but we may ask about the transactions. You need to be clear and provide a good explanation.

Gaurab: I don't think that consular are always 100% correct, student with low profile sometimes get visa while good student do not.

Yaya Nana: Does my poor faring in one exam(failed a subject during grade XI) matter if I have always been a higher distinction holders in other exams?

Ashim Shrestha: Do we have to pay the sevis fee before or after I get a visa?

kisusan: i got joint family. is it necessary to verify all the family members to show in the relationship certificate?

Consular3: @Gaurab: Even if your I-20 shows a full scholarship, the officer may ask about financial issues to show your ties here.

Consular1: @Ashim Shrestha: The SEVIS fee should be paid before you come for your visa interview.

Consular4: @nima, that can happen although it is very, very rare. Perhaps the student was accepted to another cheaper school, or got a larger scholarship. Or perhaps the student was nervous and more credibly able to convince the officer of intent to be a legitimate student and career goals outside the U.S. But again, it is VERY rare for 3-4 refusals to be overturned. These decisions are not made capriciously.

Consular3: @Ashim: SEVIS must be paid before the interview.

guest: Ashish Shrestha: my big brother is in US and my parents are also going there for tourist visa and will return after 3 mth so if i apply for student visa will it affect my chances, (i had GTA that covers my tuition fee and half of the living expenses) ?

Jenish Tamang: Do we need to translate all the property documents into english?

Consular2: @Yaya Nana - We consider your overall student history. If you are able to explain why you did poorly on one exam, but still show a good student history overall, you may still qualify for the visa.

Gaurab: Can College official be my entire sponsor? what does they need to do??

Consular7: @Nima: We cannot answer to any particular application. All students must demonstrate the same things: intent to be a full-time student, intent to leave the U.S. at the conclusion of studies and sufficient funding to cover the cost of their entire education.

Lal Prasad Regmi: Hello, I have completed my bachelore degreee in commerce from Calcutta University India in 2003, and have gone to Nigeria where i have worked for two multinational company in a Supply

chain, where I was looking after all supply chain activities. Now I am here in NEPAL and want to pursue and want to expand my more knowledge in Supply Chain Management. Can I be qualified to do my study in the supply chain management institutes in USA

S.S: Does having professional experience support Visa?

Consular4: @Gaurab, ANYONE can be a financial sponsor. However, it must make sense why that person would undertake such a significant financial obligation on your behalf.

Consular5: @Jensih Tamang: No, the Embassy does not require that your documents are translated into English

Consular3: @Lal: your qualifications sound very good from your description, but the US school will make that decision.

consular6: kisan: consular section does not require the relationship certificate. your financial documents must demonstrate your ability to pay for your studies in the US

Consular1: @S.S: It can, but it is not required. You need to be able to demonstrate intent to be a student which should include how your studies fit into your long-term academic and career goals. Additionally, you need to demonstrate the intent to depart the U.S. at the conclusion of your studies.

Jensih Tamang: You said that student must have clear intention to return to Nepal after completion of their study. But what if a student is going for undergraduate study and wants to study masters level in the US too. Is this fact going to disqualify him for the VISA?

Consular4: @Jensih Tamang: no, it won't disqualify them. But they must be able to explain their long term career goals. What will they do after the master's?

Ronish: How long will be the interview basically?

Consular2: @Ronish - Most of our interviews take between 3 and 5 minutes.

Consular7: @Ronish: Interviews can be short - typically a few minutes.

gambhirkunwar: hello. I am accepted to one of top college with almost full scholarship. I have little money in bank balance. How much do I need to show in order to get visa?

Consular3: @gambhirkunwar: You need to show finances for the first year and a source of funds for all the years required to get the degree. A full scholarship will help show that.

Gaurab: Theres rumor in Nepal that Community Colleges are regarded as bad colleges and one will not get visa on there? what is it??

Yaya Nana: What is regarded a good SAT scores i.e. the range good enough for you to normally judge a student's intent to study?

Consular2: @Yaya Nana - Your student history is more important than your SAT scores. Your SAT scores are only required if they were required for your admission to your school.

Ashim Shrestha: Will I be able to enter U.S 30 days before the class start date or the entry date stated in my I-20 if I get my Visa?

Consular4: @Ashim Shrestha, yes, you cannot enter the U.S. more than 30 days before the beginning of classes.

Lal Prasad Regmi: Can i get a supply chain insituties of USA information from our US embassy here in Kathmandu..And i believe loosing my study track from 9 years will not make any difference to persue for supply chain management study in USA.Can i request if possible to have your advice to find the right and relieable insitutues informations

Consular3: @lal: Please go to USEF to get info on specific university programs.

nima: Thank you for your answer.Actually i applied for student visa for my undergraduate studies once.But I was rejected as the respected consular couldnot find a good reason for my application to study in US. Now I have completed my undergraduate level and would like to apply again for pre-master degree .Will my previous rejection affect my chances to achieve student visa?

Consular7: @Nima: All applications are given a full and fresh review. Your previous records will be in our system.

Consular1: @Gaurab: You must demonstrate clear intent to be a full-time student. Which college you chose is not as important as why you chose it. You should also be prepared to discuss how your studies fit into your long-term academic and career goals.

gambhirkunwar: I have got on-campus employment. What will consular consider for on-campus employment?

Consular1: @gambhirkunwar: on-campus employment can be part of your finances, but most on-campus jobs are low-wage and part-time. You will likely need additional sources of finances to cover all your costs.

Gaurab: is there any black listed colleges in USA? where visa rating is zero?

Consular4: @ Gaurab, no. We do not consider the quality of the school, rather the reason the applicant chose the school.

Ghmy 2: Does the number of students applying to same college affect the VISA chances? For instance, there are nearly 10- 15(I heard so) atudents who are going to same college, that I have decided to go.

Consular7: @Ghmy 2: The number of students does not affect the consideration. Rather, each student applicant is reviewed individually.

Shree Raj Shrestha: Dear Consular1, can we work off-campus, for special cases like for example- paid internships outside campus that are approved by the college?

Consular2: @Shree Raj - Only if it is authorized by the Department of Homeland Security. You should not depend on employment in the US when considering whether or not you can afford the cost of your study.

Ashish Uprety: What would be a tentative amount required to be shown during the visa process for a graduate student pursuing a PhD if he has full financial assistantship from the university?

Deepak Basnet: Dear Sir/Madam Is it true that the DV lottery has been suspended?

Consular2: @Deepak - No, that is not true. Currently, our Congress is considering immigration reform, but no laws have been passed yet.

Consular4: @ Deepak Basnet, the DV lottery has NOT been suspended. Please go to <http://dvlottery.state.gov/> for more correct information.

Consular4: @ Deepak Basnet, we will be hosting another webchat on the DV lottery on May 2. Please monitor the embassy's webpage and Facebook page for more information.

Abhinav Regmi: How about Maharishi University . I heard that visa where not provided to the students who are going to this college.

Consular3: @abhinav: Maharishi is still able to issue I-20 and can receive student visas.

Bimi Shrestha: is it a drawback if I do not have my major decided ?

Consular7: @Bimi: Your reason for attending the school is part of the consideration. It is ok to not have a major declared, although it is a factor for the entire application.

Ashim Shrestha: During my course of study, will I be allowed to pursue paid internships or will it be considered "off-campus employment"?

Consular1: @Ashim Shrestha: With permission of the Department of Homeland Security and your school, some limited off-campus internships are possible.

Consular2: @Ashim - That is up to the Department of Homeland Security. We cannot answer that question.

Consular3: @ashim: it is up to each school to decide on internships and other off-campus work

kisusan: Basically how long will be the visa period if I am intending to study MS in US

Consular2: @Kisusan - The visa is valid for the length of study listed on your I-20.

Consular1: @kisusan: the validity of your visa is linked to the length of the study program listed on your I-20, but no longer than 60 months.

Jenish Tamang: The college that I applied to didn't require me to mention my major. I was told to list three interests and I did that. Most probably, I will be receiving an I-20 that says my major is Undecided. But I do plan to major in Computer science. Is that fact that the major is not mentioned in the I-20 going to affect my chances of getting a visa?

Consular7: @Jenish Tamang: Your reason for attending the school is part of the consideration. It is OK to not have a major declared, although it is a factor for the entire application.

gambhirkunwar: I have spent almost two years for application process. However, I did some sort of volunteer work during my gap year. Will this assist me during my interview?

Consular7: @gambhirkunwar: A gap year is OK, just a factor in the consideration. We look for legitimate students.

Consular3: @gambhir: any work that shows you are a credible student will help

sworupa gurung: hello, my GRE score is 302, academic 71% and 1 yr work experience. I have applied to few universities for MS a few weeks ago. For fall 2013 I'm not so strong financially but I have a desire to study in US.. What should I do now??

Consular3: @sworupa: you need to get accepted at a school and have a valid I-20.

Bishal Shrestha: Actually I am currently pursuing my Bachelor's study in Finland. And I want to do my master's programme in US. As I am planning to return back to Nepal as soon as I complete my study. My brother is a PR holder in US. After completing my study I need to come back to Nepal.... Because my parents are here and I have to take care of them and their business. Will that be a strong reason to convince the consular that I have no intention to stay in the US.

Consular7: @Bishal: Everyone must demonstrate an intent to return to Nepal. Any ties you have to Nepal are valid.

Abhinav Regmi: How about if college dont need any gre and gmat . Does it matter to visa application.

Consular2: @Abhinav - If the GRE and GMAT scores are not required for admission, you do not need to bring them for your interview.

Ronish: Once rejected, how soon can one apply again?

Consular1: @Ronish: there is no wait period before you can apply again. However, we do not recommend reapplying unless there has been a significant change in your situation.

Lal Prasad Regmi: Thank you very much for taking your valuable time for us, but my last query, if i qualify hope i can persue my supply chain study in this 2013 session. Thanks, Bye

Bimi Shrestha: what if my major and interest is not quite feasible here in Nepal?

Consular7: @Bimi: It is a factor - you need to be able to credibly explain why you chose that course and what your plans are afterward. We cannot pre-adjudicate any application. The factors are the same for everyone - intent to be a full-time student, intent to leave after studies and sufficient funds to cover the entire cost of education.

Laxmi Lama: what are the valid ways I could show that I have enough amount of money to cover all the expenses for my stay in US.

Ghmy 2: If I have sufficient funds in bank to cover my entire education for 4 years. Do I still have to show the annual income of my parents?\

Consular4: @ghmy 2: you do not have to submit ANY financial documents. It is your decision what you submit, as long as you can convince the officer of the savings and source of income.

Gaurab: can i have my bank balance in local cooperatives too>

Consular5: @ashish Uprety: there isn't any fix amount to show your financial status. However you need to prove that you cover all the expenses during your stay in U.S. And financial ties to your homeland is one of the factor while assessing your visa.

Manish: i have completed bachelor in civil engineering.....but i want a career change...if i apply for bachelor in electronic engineering in the US.....will that be a problem in visa?

Consular5: @Manish: You must demonstrate your clear intent to be a full-time student. Which subject or college you chose is not as important as why you chose it. You should also be prepared to discuss how your studies fit into your long-term academic and career goals.

gambhirkunwar: During interview, can you please tell me documents I should bring?

Consular3: @gambhir: you need to bring your I-20, evidence of your financial resources, and anything to show your ties to Nepal.

Consular1: @gambhirkunwar: passport, I-20, SEVIS fee receipt, DS-160 confirmation page, Nabil Bank receipt, and original transcripts are required. Other documents that serve as supporting evidence may also be submitted at your discretion.

Yaya Nana: I have been working as a freelancer in Nepal. Can I continue working parttime in the same position in the US as well?

Consular4: @ Yaya Nana, as long as you are not employed IN and paid for by companies in the U.S., the work may be legal.

abhi: I have an i-20 which states that I need to pay only \$6000 when I start while the total cost of the course is about \$35000. All the costs beside \$6000 will be covered by a government approved (work - study paid internship program). So in this case is it enough if I present a bank statement only for the starting amount during my visa interview ?

Consular2: @Abhi - You should be able to show that you can cover the cost of your program. If you have a scholarship, you need to show you can cover the remainder. Please note that you should be able to explain where the money is coming from, not just present a bank statement.

Gaurab: Why rejected are not given specific reasons?

Gaurab: only 214b

nima: will it affect my chance to achieve student visa if I had applied for a DV program previous year? Will application for Dv program send negative message to the consular about my intention?

Consular3: @nima: you need to show intent to return. If you applied for a DV, you'll have to explain to the officer why you did so.

Shree Raj Shrestha: Thank you Consular2 for your reply, I am expecting my I-20 to come soon and my expected student contribution will probably be around ~\$7500, which is mostly personal expenses (the college is in Florida and seems like its very expensive to live there). My concern is primarily the financial support that I must show. Can I show the bank statement, in accordance with my father's income statements to show the support for that amount? There is still a bit amount less than the expected contribution in my father's bank account, but at the end of the year, my father salary amounts more than the EFC.

Consular1: @Shree Raj Shrestha: You should be prepared to show enough readily available funds to meet all expenses for the first year of study and adequate funds for each subsequent year of study. The funding can come from many sources, but those sources should be credible and reliable.

B: @consular3 you replied to @gambi about anything to show your ties to Nepal. can you give some example

Consular3: @B: about your intent to return, most important for students is to have clear plan on how you will use your education in Nepal. we realize most students won't have property or family ties here, but you need to explain to the Officer your ties.

Gaurab: Sir, community colleges are 2 years college when applying to it do i need to show financial for 2 years or 4 years ?

Consular2: @Gaurab - You need to show that you can cover the first year and that you have an income source for the length of study listed on your I-20.

Consular4: @Gaurab, for ALL colleges, you only must show sufficient savings or income for the first year. However, you must also convince the officer that the source of income will continue such that you can afford subsequent years and NOT resort to working in the US to afford.

Vivek: In my case, I have got into a scholars program where I am getting paid research assistantship as a special privilege from which I can earn almost \$1800 per year, but it is not shown in my I-20. Will my visa interviewer consider this in relation to my ability to pay for my college expenses?

Consular7: @Vivek: You have to show that your can cover your education. We like to see proof of funds. If you are getting funding, it is best to demonstrate that.

Ghmy 2: If we do not have the Hard copies of our SAT and TOEFL scores. How do we present the scores of these tests?

Consular4: @Ghmy, you can submit copies or originals of SAT or TOEFL exams.

Laxmi Lama: Can assets like house, land be counted as a source to cover the expenses?

Consular1: @Laxmi Lama: You need to show readily available funds for the first year of study. This can come from many sources, and the Officer will evaluate the credibility and reliability of your funds at the interview.

gambhirkunwar: My I-20 will show that I need to pay just \$192 per year. I have around \$1800 in bank balance. Do I need to add more money or will it be enough?

Consular3: @gambhir: you don't need to show any specific bank balance, and recent transfers are always suspicious. Just bring all the bank statements, and you won't have to add any money to any account.

Ronish: How can we show our family income to you?

Consular2: @Ronish - You should be prepared to discuss where the funding from your program is coming from. If your school costs \$20k per year, then what does your family do that you can afford to pay that much? It has to make sense to us.

Gaurab: who can be my sponser? except family?

Consular4: @Gaurab, again, ANYONE can be a sponsor. It doesn't have to be family. However, the officer must believe the sponsor will take on such a significant financial burden.

Consular5: Gaurab: sponsor could be any one who can help you in funding your studies...your uncle, relatives, your god-father/mother..etc..

sushil: Whats the criteria for student who wants to study in america in scholarship?

Consular7: @sushil: The requirements for a student visa are the same for everyone, including the ability to cover the cost of your education. Certainly having a scholarship helps show that you can cover the cost. keep in mind that many scholarship do not cover the entire cost of education.

abhi: My question was that do I need to show the financial support for the entire course amount or just the starting amount required would be enough, as rest is to be covered by the internship.

Consular7: Abhi: You should be prepared to show enough readily available funds to meet all expenses for the first year of study and adequate funds for each subsequent year of study. The funding can come from many sources, but those sources should be credible and reliable.

Ghmy 2: What is DS-160 confirmation page?

Consular7: @Ghmy2: It is the final page once you submit the DS-160 online

Ramesh: I heard that if someone's family member are more then we don't get visa is that true ???

Consular1: @Ramesh: I don't understand your question.

gambhirkunwar: Will I need to bring land assest documents during my interview?

Consular2: @Gambhir - No, you do not need to bring land documents. You need to be able to explain in your interview how you will pay.

arbind chaudhary: what is possible for sponship for study who belong remote area and from indigenious family, the person onlyone educated from family

Consular4: @ arbind chaudhary, we do not consider the location or caste of applicants. The law simply states that the applicant must be able to afford the education.

Ashish Uprety: will having I 20 from a really good graduate school enchance the chances of getting visa in any ways?

Consular3: @arbind: @ashish: yes.

Ramesh: @consular 1 suppose a student applies for student visa and his family member and more i.e 3 brothers 2 sisters like that ,then visa is not issued to the appicant

Consular1: @Ramesh: the size of your family is not important. You must demonstrate student intent, intent to depart the U.S., and the ability to pay.

Gaurab: and next query, i heard DV lottery is permanently closed from this year, is it true??

sushil: How can a green card holder relative sponsors someone for student visa????

Consular4: @sushil, any person can offer to sponsor a student, including LPRs. But the officer must believe the income/savings are real and that the sponsor will truly commit their financial resources to the applicant.

Ronish: what should I do at first after I receive my i-20?

arbind chaudhary: i want to study but noone supportable for my education

Consular7: Arbind: Ability to cover the cost of education is a requirement.

gambhirkunwar: After how many days of receiving I-20, I can apply for visa interview?

Consular2: @Gambhir - You can apply as soon as you receive your I-20, but you should know which school you plan to attend before you apply as we print the name of the school on your visa.

Samipya: Why doesn't US government implement rules such that it will deport foreign students after their studies are over rather than judging people about their future intent by making assumption by the visa officer?

Lal Prasad Regmi: Hello There,i have pass my bachelor degree of commerce from Calcutta University and done my all level of study on english medium,,should i need to do TOFEL,Etc to apply advance professional course in Supply Chain Management in USA from Nepal.Should i needt

Consular1: Thank you to everyone for participating. More information on student and other non-immigrant visas is available on our website at <http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas.html> and you can also contact USEF Nepal at <http://www.usefnepal.org/> for more information and assistance with student visa issues.

Ronish: Does my choice of major will affect my request of a visa?

sushil: @consular 4.How long it takes for such sponsor process..What can be the documents which will prove that their income are true..and if they are capable of paying the cost ..Does it matter i have to show my financial status?