

International Student Requirements

General Requirements

1. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION

First-time, transfer and concurrent international students must submit the [international student application](#).

2. A \$100 non-refundable application fee (in U.S. currency) is required before consideration of an application can be made. We accept cash, money order or credit card. If paying by credit card email the Business Office at INTLFEE@southplainscollege.edu. In the email please include your full name, name of credit card holder, credit card number, expiration date and the security code on the back of the card.

Specific Requirements

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Required from official non-English speaking countries)

Evidence of proficiency in the English language is required and can be satisfied by submitting results from one of the following:

- *Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL)*
 - *Minimum score of a 550 (paper exam), 213 (computer exam), or 79 (internet-based exam). Scores are only valid for 2 years.*
- *International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)*
 - *Minimum score of a 6.5 for academic version, general training results are not acceptable. Scores are only valid for 2 years.*
- Or by completing the highest level in an English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

2. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL/SECONDARY TRANSCRIPT

An official transcript from the last four (4) years of secondary school must be submitted. The **official** transcript must be an original copy translated into English and must show each course completed along with the grade earned. A minimum grade average of "C" is required.

An unofficial copy of the transcript may be accepted temporarily for application to be reviewed. If accepted, student is required to submit the official transcript to the International Student Office upon arrival.

Do not send transcripts, diplomas, certificates or any other academic credential that cannot be duplicated or replaced. All documents become the property of South Plains College and will not be returned to the student.

3. FINANCIAL ABILITY

Proof of financial ability to remain at South Plains College long enough to complete degree requirements must be submitted with the application. Proof can be in the

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form of a bank statement (minimum of \$8,400 USD) and letter from the individual responsible for providing financial support for the international student, or the form [I-134, Affidavit of Support](#). I-134, Affidavit of Support can only be completed if sponsor is a U.S. citizen.

4. **PROOF OF THE MENINGITIS VACCINATION, if needed.**

Additional Requirements for International Transfer Students

1. Official college transcript from all colleges/universities attended in the United States must be submitted in place of the high school/secondary transcript.
2. Must have completed at least 12 semester hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA to be eligible for consideration.
3. [International Transfer Form](#)

THE FORM I-20 WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.