



FAQ - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I be able to contact the admissions team by phone during my admissions process?

The admissions department only deals by EMAIL with all applicants during the documentation process, admission to the chosen university, and the process of obtaining the F-1 visa. Emergencies will be handled by phone only and it is the admissions department itself that will decide this. This allows for better control over candidates. .

How does the admission process work?

The first step is to send admisiones@sisbecas.com the "Scholarship Acceptance Form" document that was sent with the scholarship report. Once the completed document is received, we will send you the list of documents and steps to be completed for admission to the chosen university.

Do I need a sworn translation of baccalaureate and/or university grades?

Yes. American universities require grades to be submitted in the original language and their sworn translation into English. In this sworn translation, the translator's seal and signature must appear. Some institutes and/or universities may issue grades in English. In this case, they are generally valid and a sworn translation is not necessary. If issued by the institution itself, they must bear the seal of the institute and/or university and the signature of the director.

In what format should I send the application documents to the universities?

Documents must be sent in PDF format and each document must bear his name to be accepted by the university.

Do I need to fill out the Immunization document or can I send my vaccination record if it is a requirement of the university?

You must fill out the Immunization document sent by the university to which you are applying. They will not accept the vaccination record.

Can we negotiate or improve the report's grants?

Exchanges can only be traded if an * appears in the offer itself. If this indication does not appear, the offer is immutable on the part of the university.

What if my bill of lading or bill of lading is in a currency other than the U.S. dollar?

Ask the bank to convert them to dollars and put them in parentheses. For example, 13,000 euros (\$14,000). If the bank doesn't do the conversion, you can put the conversion in pen on the bank's own letter, but the universities need to see that amount in US dollars.

In the document that can be called in different ways like sponsor, affidavit, ISFF (who is the one who pays for the university), what information should be put in?

The student's representative, who will be the one who will take care of the payments to the university, will have to fill in his name, indicating the relationship with the student (father, mother, brother, grandmother, aunt...). The corresponding amount necessary to cover the costs of at least one year at this university must be added. For example, if Indiana Wesleyan University requires you to demonstrate \$15,000, you will need to fill out this document with the name of the person who will be facing the payments, and ensure the minimum amount of \$15,000.



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This document goes hand in hand with the Bank Letter. If the sponsor, affidavit, or ISFF document has been completed (with the minimum of \$15,000 required by the university), in the bank's letter, that \$15,000 must appear at a minimum.

However, if more than one person is going to face the student's payments, two or more sponsor/affidavit or ISFF documents will need to be completed (one for the father and another for the mother, for example). Failure to comply with either of these two financial documents will not allow the student to progress through the admissions process.

Is medical insurance included in the offer?

In the scholarship report, it will appear, in each offer, whether medical insurance is included or not. *Insurance not included or *Insurance included.

Who sends the I20 document needed to obtain the F-1 visa?

This document is sent by the university itself when the student is accepted and has completed the whole process. If a document is missing, it cannot be received. This document is foreign to SIS Becas, we do not have access to it.

Can I buy my plane ticket if I don't have the F-1 student visa?

Our recommendation is not to purchase the airfare until the F-1 visa is obtained. If you buy it, we recommend that you have a flexible rate to be able to change your day.

Will they pick me up at the airport?

When do classes start? The university, in general, arranges pickups at the nearest airport for several days. Classes usually start between August 20 and 28. All these questions will be answered once the student has been accepted to the university and is already in direct contact with the universities.

A family member and/or fellow Showcase member also received one or more offers from institutions that also offered me. Can I request to be in the same room in the residence hall on the university campus?

Yes. In general, universities require filling out a document called a "Housing Form", where the student can apply to be a roommate of a particular person (friend, family member, etc.)

Which English exams are valid?

The Toefl IBT exam is the official one. Registration can be done on this website <https://www.ets.org/es/toefl/test-takers/ibt/take/locations-dates> The IELTS exam is also accepted by many American universities. The Duolingo exam, since the beginning of Covid, has also been accepted by a large number of universities. This exam is the cheapest, easiest, and the one that takes the least time to receive the scores.

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Can I postpone my entry into the United States?

Once the scholarship report is received, and unless the offer indicates otherwise, it can be used in August of the year in which the university is supposed to start, in January of the following year, and in August of the following year. If a scholarship changes its numbers, it will be reported.

What happens if I am given an appointment at the embassy for a month after my supposed entry into the United States?

If, for example, my entry into the United States is on August 20 but I am given an appointment for September 5, there are two ways to bring this appointment forward:

- Request an emergency appointment.
- Reschedule the appointment. Once there, you have to check the calendar until a day that suits you opens.

Can I go on vacation in July/August while I wait to receive the day and time of the appointment at the embassy?

As long as they arrive at the embassy on the day of the appointment, students can go on vacation. If you don't show up, you lose your appointment and you won't be able to opt for the F-1 student visa.