

# ABOUT TRINIDAD STATE

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Trinidad State College welcomes international students and recognizes the value they add to the learning environment. This policy applies to non-immigrant, international students seeking admission to the college on an F1 student visa.

### International Student Admission Process

Fall semester applications and all supporting documents are requested to be on file at the college by July 15. Spring semester applications and supporting documents must be on file by November 15.

Admission of international students will be considered, and a Form I-20 will be issued when the following are received and evaluated as acceptable.

1. Apply for admission to Trinidad State College at <https://trinidadstate.edu/apply/index.html>. The application must indicate in which semester the student will begin.
2. Provide complete transcripts of all previous secondary and collegiate academic work with certified English translations (if needed).
3. Provide evidence of proficiency in the English language.

**Note:** No documentation is required if the student's native language is English or if the student graduated from an American high school. If the student's native language is other than English, the student must provide one of the following:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): minimum score of 65, International English Language Testing System (IELTS): minimum score of 6.5, or Duolingo English Test minimum score of 95.

1. Statement of financial support for a two-year program for the student at Trinidad State including taxes incurred for scholarship income. Federal and state financial aid and non-resident alien scholarships are not available for international students.

**Note:**

Scholarship funds, either athletic or other institutional-affiliated scholarships - above tuition and fees - are considered income to international students and thus will be taxed at 14%. Students should be aware and account for this **student-incurred** tax expense.

1. Record of immunizations.
2. Proof of medical insurance. All international students are required to have medical insurance in place while attending Trinidad State College.
3. Full payment of outstanding tuition and fees or signed payment plan in place on census day each semester. Failure to comply may result in the withdrawal of the student's U.S. Immigration I-20.
4. The final steps for F1 Visa completion include:
5. The Designated School Officer (DSO) creates a file in SEVIS (Student and Exchange (or previous college transfers information in SEVIS) to print a Form I-20. Trinidad State's International Student Coordinator serves as the Designated School Officer.
6. The DSO signs and sends the student the original Form I-20.
7. Student pays the SEVIS I-901 fee at [www.ice.gov/sevis](http://www.ice.gov/sevis).
8. Student makes an appointment with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to interview for an F1 visa.
9. Consular reviews application, confirms SEVIS fee payment, runs security check, interviews student, and potentially grants visa.
10. Student obtains the visa before departure to the U.S.

Please see the [Student Handbook](#) or the [International Student Coordinator](#) for more detailed information.