

TERTIARY EDUCATION INFORMATION GUIDE

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INFO SESSIONS TO INFORM
STUDENTS AND PARENTS AND
GUARDIANS ABOUT



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<https://duo.nl/antillen>

<https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/education-culture-science/study-financing>

<https://www.turangoeloe.nl>

Booklets

<https://duo.nl/images/student-finance-for-students-from-aruba-curaao-sint-maarten-and-the-caribbean-netherlands.pdf>

Healthcare

<https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/health-care/healthcare-insurance/insured-persons/healthcare-insurance-for-students>

Guardianship & authorization

<https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/covid-19/public-services/guardianship-council>

<https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/education-culture-science/study-financing/authorize-someone>



Student VISA

F1- Visa / Student Visa

An F1 Visa is a non immigrant visa issued to students willing to pursue their studies in the U.S. The F1 visa is given to international students who wish to attend educational institutions e.g. university, colleges or any academic training program.

In Canada this is called a Study Permit.

F1 Qualifications

In order to get an F1 Visa/ Study Permit, the applicants need to qualify to some specific criteria during the Visa interview:

1. The candidate/student must have a citizenship for a foreign country and must intend to return there on completion on the course of study.
2. The candidate/ student must demonstrate that he/she has enough finances to support their studies in the U.S or Canada.
3. The candidate/ students must prove that he/she has strong ties to home country and will return after studies.

Reminder:

- A student visa is required to study in the United States. Foreign nationals may not study after entering on a visitor visa.
- The same will apply for the Canadian Study Permit. A student cannot enter Canada on a visitor visa to study.

How to Apply

There are several steps in applying for a Visa. The order of these steps and how you complete them may vary by U.S. Embassy

Step 1 (Complete the online Visa Application form) <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form

You must: 1) complete the online visa application, and 2) print the application form confirmation page to bring to your interview. Photo –You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160.

Step 2

Schedule an Interview

Interviews are generally required for visa applicants with certain limited exceptions.

You should schedule an appointment for your visa interview at the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) in the country where you live or closest territory to where you live.

U.S Embassy in the Region

Curacao

Barbados

Jamaica

Trinidad and Tobago

Be informed that waiting times for interview appointments vary by location, season, and visa category, so you should apply for your visa early.

Step 3

Fees - Pay the non-refundable visa application fee,(\$160 US) you are required to pay it before your interview.

For Canadian Study Visa (\$150 C)

The Process: Questions to Expect during your F1 Visa Interview

What will be your major? How many colleges did you apply to? What city is your school located in?

Have you been to the US before? How do you plan to fund the entire duration of your education? (proof of this is necessary). How much does your school cost? How will you meet these expenses?

Documents Required for the interview.

1. Passport (Current and all previous ones)
2. Letter of Acceptance from the University or School
3. I-20 form which is issued by the University or College (not needed for Canadian Universities)
4. Passport size picture
5. Confirmation page from the online application.
7. Confirmation of the non-refundable visa fee.
6. Confirmation of schedule appointment date.

Additional Documents

A consular officer will interview you to determine your qualifications for a student visa, and may request additional documents, such as evidence of:

7. How you will pay all educational, living and travel costs
8. Your academic preparation, such as: Transcripts, diplomas, degrees, or certificates from schools you attended; and

Standardized test scores required by your U.S. school;

In Conclusion

The most important thing to remember during your F1 visa interview is to remain calm! Being well prepared is extremely important. Be sure to have [all of the required documents and receipts](#) with you so that you can focus on your interview questions. Answer all of the questions asked of you, and remember to be open and honest!

SAT - Scholastic Assessment Test

- What is the SAT

Many U.S universities require scores from the SAT's as part of the undergraduate admission process.

Your SAT score is a key component in your college application.

It is a standardized test that measures the student's ability.

- SAT BASICS

SAT duration 3 hours(plus 50 minutes if taking the optional essay segment).

Comprises of Math, Writing and Language and Essay (optional).

The SAT is a multiple-choice test administered by the US college board.

- How is the SAT scored

Each section is scored on a 200 to 800 point scale.

Your total SAT score is the sum of your section scores.

The highest possible score is 1600

- How do I Register

SAT registration deadlines fall approximately five weeks before each test date.

Registration is done online on the College Board website

- College Board Website www.collegeboard.com

- SAT FEES

SAT \$55 plus 43 Non US regional fee

- Upcoming SAT Dates

Dec 4th 2021, March 12th 2022, May 7th 2022

Because of the current COVID situation most of the international testing centers are closed.

U.S colleges and universities are adjusting their international undergraduate requirements in light of the current situation, by the exemption of the SAT scores.



GRANTS

Currently there are no academic agreements between Public Entity Saba and any U.S Universities (Lipscomb University is being worked on currently). Taking into account that the Dutch Federal Government of the Netherlands grants study financing annually to students who meet the criteria to pursue further education either in St. Maarten, Curacao, Aruba, the Netherlands or at accredited institutions in the region as well as in the USA, Canada or the U.K

Students, who for some reason do not meet the requirements to obtain the study financing grant,.You can apply to the Island Governor for these grants towards your studies.

1. Housing allowance of U.S \$400 or Euro \$300 per month
2. Tuition allowance of U.S \$250 or Euro \$200 per month
3. A laptop is given to students as an incentive in them furthering their studies (ceiling limit of \$1000 U.S)

N.B For more information about what is available to students you can request the *Bestuurcollege van het openbaar lichaam Saba* document from the Public Entity via Rosalyn Johnson (rosalyn.johnson@sabagov.nl)

Arranging Guardianship

To arrange guardianship please call 416 3283 or email yamila.bulos@rijksdienstcn.com to make an appointment.

Parents and the minor have to come to the appointment and bring the following documents with them.

Documents needed for the minor:-

Copy of passport

Copy of birth certificate

If needed proof of acknowledgement

Documents needed from the parents:-

Copy of passport or ID

Contact information from both parents

Documents needed for the prospective guardian:-

Copy of ID

Printout from the basic registration at the Census Office

Contact information (relationship to parents/minor, telephone number, cell phone number, address, e-mail. (If necessary please indicate when and how to contact the person).

More information contact Yamila Bulos

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CENSUS

ALL STUDENTS who leave the island to continue their studies outside of Saba should inform **CENSUS OFFICE** that they will leave the island and inform them of the new address.

Students leaving to The Netherlands or the former Netherlands Antilles need to de-register from the Census as they need to register in their new country.

Contact: [Phone: +599 416 3311](tel:+5994163311)

Scholarship Agreements

Currently the Public Entity Saba has two (2) scholarship agreements: -

- Lipscomb University will match the study financing amount \$19, 504.44 annually for each Saba student enrolled and admitted into Lipscomb University.
- Indian Hill Community College will award each Saban student enrolled and admitted into the institution a sum of USD \$900 yearly.

For more information : rosalyn.johnson@sabagov.nl



Study Financing

Information Meeting Study finance BES

By : Mr. Jefferson Coffie

Date : November 24, 2021

Location : Community Center Zion's Hill

Time : 6pm – 7.30pm

Who : All students, parents, guardians of form 4+5+CAPE + Past students