



# TULSA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

“Preparing Students for Heaven and Earth”

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## F-1/J-1 Student Immigration Requirements

### WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES!

You must present TAA’s I-20 to border officials when you enter the United States!

### WELCOME TO TULSA ADVENTIST ACADEMY!

Upon arrival in the United States, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) requires that you report to TAA within the first 15 days of the term in order to remain in legal status. Please bring the following documentation with you to TAA’s orientation:

- Passport
- I-94 card (white card you receive at U.S. Customs when you enter the U.S.)
- TAA’s I-20 document
- I-20’s from each U.S. institution you have attended
- Proof of adequate health insurance if not purchasing TAA’s plan

### WHAT DOES “MAINTAINING STATUS” MEAN?

You must meet certain requirements set by the U.S. government if you are admitted to the United States on an F-1 or J-1 visa. You are considered to be “in status” or “maintaining status” if you continuously meet each obligation. Maintaining the appropriate immigration status is your responsibility.

### HOW DO I MAINTAIN STATUS?

1. Attend the school you were authorized to attend on your I-20 (F-1 Visa) or DS-2019 (J-1 Visa)
2. Check in at TAA  
I-94 card and your I-20 to TAA’s orientation  
health insurance with TAA’s administration  
Bring your passport, visa,  
Bring proof that you have adequate  
Keep your address, phone number and email current
3. Follow specific transfer procedures if you are transferring to TAA from another U.S. institution  
20’s from ALL previous U.S. institutions you’ve attended  
Admissions Director that you are transferring from another U.S. institution  
Bring I-  
Tell the International
4. Maintain full-time enrollment at TAA  
passing grades in all your mainstream classes  
in any ESL course  
You must receive  
You may not receive less than 70%  
You must take at least 6 classes per semester
5. Keep your passport valid at all times  
keep your passport valid 6 months into the future  
while you are in the U.S. but you will have to renew it if you travel other than to Canada or Mexico before re-entering the U.S.  
You are required to  
Your F-1 or J-1 visa may expire
6. Keep your I-20 or DS-2019 valid at all times  
an extension or update your I-20 or DS-2019 with TAA’s International Director if you do not complete your program by the date in section 5 of your I-20 or section 3 of your DS-2019  
You must request
7. Never accept employment off-campus. Obtain authorization for any on-campus employment  
Consequences of working without authorization are extremely severe

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON’T MAINTAIN STATUS?

If you fail to meet even one of the requirements listed above then you are considered “out-of-status” and will be required to file a request for reinstatement with the U.S. government. This procedure is costly and if your



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request is denied you will have to abandon your studies and leave the U.S.!