

# Application Requirement Checklist for F-1 International Students



In order to study as an F-1 student visa holder at Tri-C, you will need to meet the requirements below.

**F-1 applicants cannot apply online. No electronic copies or scanned documents will be accepted.**

Submit the required documents **by the deadline**, by mailing them to the Tri-C campus you wish to attend, or make an appointment with a **coordinator** if you are already residing in the U.S.

Application processing, and the subsequent issue of an acceptance letter, may take up to three weeks. Students applying from overseas on an F-1 student visa are not permitted to start in the summer semester.

View the current academic calendar at [www.tri-c.edu/academic-calendar](http://www.tri-c.edu/academic-calendar), where you can find dates for spring, summer, and fall semesters.

International student applicants seeking a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) must complete and submit the following requirements. To view the application forms, go to [www.tri-c.edu/internationalforms](http://www.tri-c.edu/internationalforms).

## 1. F-1 Visa Student Application

Complete the application form, which can be found on <http://www.tri-c.edu/internationalforms>.

## 2. Transfer Students Form

Only complete this form if you are currently attending another institution in the U.S. **and submit it** along with the other requirements for admission. Please also submit a copy of your current I-20.

## 3. Proof of English Language Proficiency

Submit official scores dated within the past two years from one of the tests below. English language proficiency testing is required for both F-1 academic admission and for the English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

Assessment	Minimum score for ESL program	Minimum score for associate degree
TOEFL (iBT, online test)	16 (no sub-score less than 4)	79 (no sub-score can be lower than 18) or above
TOEFL (computer-based test)		213 or above
TOEFL (paper test)		550 or above
IELTS (academic test)	4.0 or above	6.0 or above
ACT		18 or above (in reading)
SAT		480 or above (in reading)
Tri-C ESL placement test*	Placement determined upon evaluation	
College-level English course taken from an accredited U.S. college or university		Grade C or better
College-level English course taken from an accredited U.S. college or university		Grade of "C" or better**

\*If currently in the U.S., assessment can be taken at a Tri-C campus testing center by prior arrangement with an international student coordinator.

\*\*You may be required to show a U.S. college or university transcript with a completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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#### 4. High School Diploma and Transcripts

Submit a clear, legible original or certified copy of your high school transcript in the original language including all courses taken and grades received and a clear, legible original or certified copy of your high school diploma or certificate in the original language.

All transcripts and diplomas or certificates **MUST** be translated into English by an authorized, certifying official at an official translation service. The English translation must be prepared on official business letterhead and be notarized.

#### 5. College Transcripts (only if applicable)

**U.S. college transcripts:** ONLY submit if you are a transferring student on an F-1 visa currently studying at a U.S. college or university. Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope from a college or university and provided along with the application requirements. An unofficial transcript or photocopies you make yourself **are not** acceptable. If you choose to send your transcripts electronically, have them sent to the coordinator's email address.

**Foreign transcripts (optional):** ONLY for students who have completed university studies outside of the U.S. wishing to transfer credits towards an associate degree at Tri-C. In order to receive college credit, you must request a **catalog match report** from Educational Perspectives ([www.edperspective.org](http://www.edperspective.org)). This process may take several weeks and does not guarantee the courses you completed in another country will meet the equivalency requirements for transfer credit to be awarded. The cost is the responsibility of the student.

#### 6. Copy of Passport and F-1 Visa (if applicable)

#### 7. Proof of Financial Support

You must show proof of financial support to cover tuition and living expenses for one year in the amount of **\$27,605**. The minimum tuition for 12 credit hours is **\$3,505**. Students must take 12 credit hours per semester (both fall and spring). All students must submit the following:

- Proof of Financial Support Form, which can be completed at [www.tri-c.edu/internationalforms](http://www.tri-c.edu/internationalforms).
- Bank statement showing the required funds in liquid assets (checking or savings account).
- An original Affidavit of Support (Form I-134) is required. (ONLY if sponsor resides in the U.S.)

The estimated total living expenses, including tuition for one year, is **\*\$27,605**. Submit a bank statement(s) that includes available funds in the amount of **\$27,605**. Bank statement(s) must be dated within six months of the semester you will begin your studies. Photocopies and scans that you make yourself **are not** acceptable.

**\*Cuyahoga Community College estimates the student's average estimated costs for each academic year to be:**

Minimum for Tuition and fees	\$7,010
Living expenses	\$16,945
Other: Health Insurance (responsibility of student)	\$3,650
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$27,605**</b>

**\*\*Estimated budget expenses are subject to change without notice. For tuition rates for out-of-state students, visit [www.tri-c.edu/tuition](http://www.tri-c.edu/tuition).**

#### Eastern Campus

4250 Richmond Rd.  
Highland Hills, Ohio 44122  
216-987-2118

#### Metropolitan Campus

2900 Community College Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
216-987-4167

#### Western Campus

11000 Pleasant Valley Rd.  
Parma, Ohio 44130  
216-987-5203

#### Westshore Campus

31001 Clemens Road  
Westlake, OH 44145  
216-987-5884