

6 TIPS FOR YOUR VISA INTERVIEW



- Obtain the I-20
- Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee
- Pay the visa application fee
- Obtain a valid passport
- Apply for your visa

Demonstrate strong connections to your home country	Organize all required documents	Talk about your academic plans and goals in detail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Applicants must prove they intend to return to their home country after studying in the U.S. * Hometown connections include: job, family, owning a house or apartment, investments, financial prospects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Prior to the interview, check the embassy’s website to see what is required. * For example: Academic records, I-20, proof of funding, evidence of dependent’s relationship to you (<i>if applicable</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You should be able to clearly explain the reasons you chose to study your major/program and why you chose the U.S. * Explain how studying in the U.S. relates to your career goals when you return home.
Be prepared to do your interview in English	Be professional, brief, and positive	After your interview, notify EFSC of the decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Interviews are usually given in English and not your native language. You may want to practice with a native speaker before the interview. * If you are coming to the U.S. to study English, be prepared to explain how English will be useful in your home country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Most visa interviews last only 2-3 minutes so it is important to make a good impression immediately. * Dress professionally, keep your answers to the consular officer’s questions clear but brief, and maintain a positive attitude. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If your visa is approved, make sure the visa is the correct type (F-1) and verify that it was issued for the correct school: Eastern Florida State College. * If your visa is denied at your interview, politely ask the officer for the reason in writing and ask if there is anything you could bring to overcome the denial.