

Rockland Community College  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

PLEASE WRITE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in Rockland Community College. We are enclosing a variety of materials that will answer your questions and begin the application process.

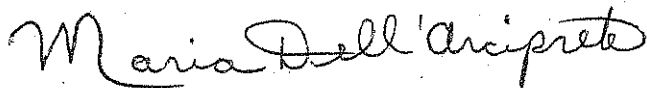
**IF YOU ARE IN THE UNITED STATES BUT YOUR STATUS IS OTHER THAN THAT OF A PERMANENT RESIDENT**, you should contact Maria Dell'Arciprete, International Student Services: ( 845)574-4263.

**IF YOU ARE NOT LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES NOW**, you should complete and submit the Enrollment Application, the Personal Data Form, the Affidavit of Financial Support (**original or certified copy**), and the Statement of Understanding to the Office of International Student Services.

**ALL** applicants must submit secondary and higher education credentials (**original or certified copy**), along with the Rockland Community College Application, and the Student Immunization Record.

In addition, you should carefully read this booklet in its entirety and the other material enclosed. Please do not hesitate to contact the International Student Services Office if you have questions. We look forward to receiving your completed application.

Sincerely,



Maria Dell'Arciprete  
Coordinator  
International Student Services  
Tel: (845)574-4263  
Fax: (845)574-4134  
Email: [mdellarc@sunyrockland.edu](mailto:mdellarc@sunyrockland.edu)  
Encl.

SUNY Rockland Community College, International Student Services  
145 College Road  
Suffern, NY 10901

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

All foreign applicants must document their ability to meet all educational and living expenses for the **entire period** of their intended study before SUNY Rockland Community College can issue a Certificate of Visa Eligibility (Form I-20). Please read the following instructions carefully before completing and submitting this form.

**Instructions: Part I** Answer question 1-6  
**Part II** Indicate the sources of your funding, the amounts available, and the totals for each year and have the sponsors verify these amounts by signing this form and by including the supplementary documentation indicated.  
Each applicant must document financial support equal to or greater than the amounts indicated below. \*These figures represent estimated costs of education, living expenses and \*\*other expenses and are subject to change without notice.

<b>*Expenses :</b>	Tuition & Fees	\$ 8,000
	Accommodations (Rent)	\$ 5,500
	Other expenses *	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
	<b>TOTAL (per year of study)</b>	<b>\$18,500</b>

**\*\*Other expenses include books, transportation, health insurance, food, clothing, etc.**

**Documentation Required**

**Personal/Family Savings** Signatures of sponsors must appear on this form and bank verification must be provided in a separate statement of account.

**Scholarship** An official scholarship award letter must include the name of the applicant, the amount of money available for each year of study, the duration of award (beginning and ending dates), the degree program for which the award is granted, and the name of SUNY Rockland Community College as the institution to which the award is applicable.

**Government or Employer** An official letter indicating the amount of support and containing the same information as described above for "Scholarship".

**Loans** An official letter from a credited institution indicating approval of the loan and the amount approved.

**Dependant Support:** A student wishing to have his/her family member(s) accompany him/her must document the availability of the following amounts for each family member for each calendar year of intended study. Study for an Associates Degree usually requires two years.

**Spouse -** \$3,000 per calendar year

**Each child -** \$1,500 per calendar year

- The information on this application is required for determination of visa eligibility only.
- All documentation must be dated within one year of the date of initial enrollment at SUNY Rockland Community College.
- Bank statements carry no liability on the part of the bank.

SUNY Rockland Community College reserves the right to require additional financial documentation from applicants whose countries impose currency exchange restrictions or other obstacles to the transfer of currency. Applicants from countries will be notified of special requirements when their completed applications have been received.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES**  
**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

If you plan to enter the United States using an F-1 Visa, please read the following and provide the information requested.

*You will not be issued an I-20 Form unless this Statement of Understanding, signed by you, has been returned to the Office of International Student Services at the College.*

**Arrival**

Upon admission, you will be sent an acceptance letter; a U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20; and an Arrival Information pamphlet. It is important that you read the pamphlet carefully & follow its instructions.

**If you are unable to arrive on or before registration day**, you should postpone your enrollment to the following semester. Form I-20 will not be issued to any student who completes an application for admission after August 1<sup>st</sup> for the Fall semester or after January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Spring semester.

*It is your responsibility to notify the College of your arrival plans at least 30 days before you leave your country.*

**Immigration Responsibilities**

It is your responsibility to maintain your F-1 status as prescribed by the Immigration & Naturalization Service. Carefully read all documents related to your F-1 status and follow the procedures described.

**NEW SEVIS FEE REQUIREMENT!!!!**

Before you go to the Embassy for your F-1 visa, you must now pay SEVIS *first*, either through the internet or by mail. If you go through the internet, [www.FMifee.com](http://www.FMifee.com) fill out (Form I-901); get a receipt (Form I-797) and bring this with you to the Embassy along with our other important immigration documents. **The cost for this service is \$200.00**

**If you do not have access to the internet you can request the application Form I-901 through the mail to:**

**Regular Mail**

I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee  
P.O. Box 970020  
St. Louis, MO 63197-0020

**Courier Service**

I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Center  
1005 Convention Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63101

**Finances**

Bring enough U.S. currency or traveler's check to meet your immediate needs (educational and personal). Payment of tuition and fees are required at registration. You may, if you wish, send to the Office of International Student Services, at least 60 days before your departure, a U.S. Bank Check for at least \$6,000 payable to "Rockland Association" for academic expenses for one year. ~~Your name should appear in the upper left hand corner of the check. If this is~~ inconvenient or impossible, bring enough U.S. currency or travelers' checks to pay for your immediate personal needs. We suggest at least \$6,000 for your first semester's fees and living costs.

**Housing**

Rockland Community College has no dormitories. When we receive your arrival plans, if you indicated that you need housing we will provide more information at that time. Monthly rentals average \$600 a month. If you prefer to rent a private apartment, be advised that your expenses will be higher. Average apartment rental is \$700 a month or higher.

You will receive more information with your acceptance documents.

I, the undersigned, have read all of these statements and agree to comply with all of the College's requests regarding admission procedures, financial obligation, immigration responsibilities, travel arrangements and housing.

Student's Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The College cannot assume responsibility for any inconvenience caused by the student's failure to adhere to the procedures listed above.

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International Student Services  
**PERSONAL DATA FORM**  
For Foreign Nationals

1. Please print your name as it appears on your passport.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Permanent Address in home country: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you applied to Rockland community college in the past, indicate Month/Year: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

5. Do you need help with housing?       Yes       No

6. Describe any physical handicap or health problem(s) you have. Write "None" if you have none. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of a relative or friend in the U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Tel.#	Relationship
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8. If you have a Secondary Education Certificate or Diploma, please indicate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. High School Diploma               | <input type="checkbox"/> GCE (General Certificate of Education) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GED (U.S. General Equivalency Diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baccalaureate Degree                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                  |

If you have not completed secondary school, please indicate the highest grade you completed: \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you attended a post-secondary institution, please enter the name and address of the institution:

Date entered (Month/Year)	Date left (Month/Year)	Number of credits earned
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10. Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Type of Visa, presently held or expected:

- F-1 Full time student       J- Exchange       PR-Permanent Resident       Other

12. Language: Enter the name of your native language and any other language in which you are a competent. Indicate the degree of competency as "Good", "Fair", or "Poor" in each column.

	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Understanding Spoken
Native Language : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

An English and Math Assessment are required of ALL students before registration at Rockland Community College.

I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION IN THIS FORM IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

## APPLYING FOR FORM I-20

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**Please submit:**

- The completed Enrollment Application
  - The completed Personal Data Form for International Students
  - The completed Affidavit of Financial Support
  - Official school transcripts – originals, not copies – indicating that you will have completed at least a secondary education prior to registration at Rockland Community College. (Keep a copy of credentials submitted for your files).
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**Please note:**

Completed I-20 Forms may be mailed. In some cases the completed I-20 Form may be picked up at the Office of International Student Services, Room 8133, Technology Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Please call (845)574-4263 for the date when it will be available.

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**Form I-20 to be mailed when ready to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Form I-20 to be picked up at the Office of International Student Services, Room 8133.

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