



In Brief: International Student Guide

**For more detailed information, see the presentation on the College Counseling Website under 'International Students'*

Testing: International Students must take the **TOEFL** and the SAT with writing or ACT with writing **before June of their junior year.** SAT/ACT Preparation courses are offered at Hun in the spring to prepare for the May & June test dates.

Make sure that you have all scores, including TOEFL sent to the Hun School! When you receive your scores, print them and give them to your college counselor

Reason: College Counseling will not be able to assess if a student is within the academic range for a particular school without testing.

- TOEFL***Supports the Critical Reading and Writing of the SAT*
- SAT
- SAT Subject Tests***if required*
- ACT

Transcripts: Colleges need transcripts for all of a student's education from 9th grade through 12th grade. If the student attended another school from 9th through 12th grade, we require official transcripts ***(as well as a translation in English)*** from those previous schools. We require that the student brings at least 3 original transcripts back with them.

Reason: Many colleges now tell us that they will accept the scanned version of the original transcript. However, there are still some schools who will require the original paper copy. We want to have a copy on hand to give the schools and hope having 3 will be sufficient.

Financial Documents:

Even if you do not plan to ask for financial aid, colleges may ask that you complete these forms anyway!

- **Merit Aid** = Scholarships, money from the college as reward for your achievement
- **Need-Based Financial Aid** = Money given to the student based on the financial need of the family.
 - Many schools are 'Need Aware' in the Admissions Process. This means that they consider finances and the ability to pay as part of the decision of whether to admit a student or not. Yes, a student can be denied if the school feels they can not afford to attend and the school does not have enough money to give the student. Thus, ***consider this question very carefully on all when completing all applications including the common application and any school supplements!***
- International Certification of Finances
 - This is the most basic form a college will ask for, often, even if you are not asking for financial aid.
 - Requires the official seal from the bank (Box 9 on form) and a letter from the bank verifying accounts
 - Students should bring a copy of this form completed with them in September of their senior year along with the bank letter of support.
- CSS Profile (www.collegeboard.org)
 - Some schools will require this to be filled out online. The schools which ask for this tends to be private colleges.
- Institution Specific Form
 - Even if you are not requesting aid, some schools require that international students complete their institutional form. This is located on the schools website.ⁱ

ⁱ Updated BAB 4/2016

Appendix A: International Student Checklist

Student's Name _____

Testing

- _____ Registered to take the SATs _____
- _____ Registered to take the SAT IIs _____
- _____ Registered to take the ACTs _____
- _____ Registered with TOEFL or IELTS _____

Documentation (**Must have this documentation when you arrive at the start of the school year*)

- _____ *Certification of Finances
- _____ *Bank Letter
- _____ *Official Transcripts from your former high school (*If you are applying to 8 schools, you need 8 official transcripts to cover all education for the last 4 years*)
- _____ Individual Colleges Institutional Financial Forms
(*If necessary. These can be filled out once you have determined where you will apply and can be found on the specific website*)
- _____ CSS Profile (*Not all institutions require this, but it must be filled out online. For a list of schools go to www.collegeboard.com*)

The Applications

- _____ Completed a draft of the Common Application (Available online as of August 1st before the start of senior year)
- _____ *Completed a draft of a Common App Essay
- _____ Teacher recommendations requested

Meetings

- _____ Met with College Counselor
- _____ College Counselor has met with my parents / has their updated contact information
- _____ Summer Check In – Getting the Summer Update upon arrival at school
- _____ EA/ED Discussion

Final List Approved _____

- Safety _____
- Target _____
- Reach _____

Information Specific to International Students

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language

- If English is not your first language, it may benefit you to take the TOEFL. If you are an international student studying in the United States, many colleges require this test as part of their admission process. In the event the TOEFL is not required, it can certainly help support the critical reading score of the SAT for non-native speakers of English. You can discuss the benefits of taking this exam with your college counselor.

TOEFL Dates for 2016

- Hun international students typically take the TOEFL iBT in Hamilton, New Jersey. If you would like to take it elsewhere or would like more information on the TOEFL, please go to: <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

TOEFL iBT® Test Fees

Details on our fees and payment policies:

Item	Fees
Registration	Fees vary by country.
Late registration	US\$40
Rescheduling	US\$60
Reinstatement of canceled scores	US\$20
Additional score reports (per institution or agency)	US\$19 each
Speaking or Writing Section score review	US\$80
Speaking and Writing Section score review	US\$160
Returned personal check (paper or electronic)	US\$20

Money Matters for International Students

■ Need Based Aid

- Based on the financial needs of the family. If your family can pay for the cost of your education or you have a sponsor, do not answer YES to this question. It places you in a much more competitive applicant pool, competing for financial aid with students from around the globe.
- If schools are “Need Aware for International Students” which most schools are, this means that the FACT that you are asking for financial aid can influence the admissions decision. Yes, you can be denied at some schools as an international student by asking for aid.

■ Merit Based Aid

- This financial aid is based on merit or your academic abilities (GPA or SAT) or perhaps your contributions through school activities, to your High School. Often referred to as SCHOLARSHIPS.
- Funding of this type is also competitive but often NOT connected to whether or not you are admitted.

Forms Needed by Colleges on the Financial Front for International Students

■ The CSS Profile (some schools)²

- <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarships-and-aid/8374.html>
- Note: You need a log-in for the college board to fill this out

■ Certification of Finances (almost all schools)³

- <http://www.centre.edu/web/admission/ISCFForm.pdf>

■ College / University Specific Forms

- Go to the schools financial aid website. Search under ‘international student’

² A Copy of the front page of this website is included in this packet. This can only be filed online.

³ A Copy of this is included in this packet. Please bring this form and the supporting documents to College Counseling with you when you arrive in the fall or have your parents send it to us. If your parents have questions about these forms they can contact their bank or the Education USA Office in your home country. For more information go to: <http://www.educationusa.info/centers.php>.

The purpose of the *Certification of Finances* is to help colleges and universities obtain complete and accurate information about the funds available to international applicants who want to study in the United States. Strict government regulations, rising education costs, and economic conditions have made verifying the financial resources of international applicants essential. Institutions do not have the option of deciding whether to verify the financial resources of their international applicants; financial verification must be made prior to institutional issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019).

This form is designed to standardize financial information provided by applicants to colleges, universities, and U.S. consuls. By completing this form and returning it to the college or university requiring it, an applicant, if admitted, may obtain that college's authorization and issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019). If parents and/or sponsors are unable to obtain a bank official's verification, it is recommended that institutions forward a copy of the International Student Financial Aid Application to the family for completion. The institution should attach a copy of this certification to the Certificate of Eligibility. U.S. consuls scrutinize the statements of financial resources given by nonimmigrant visa applicants. This certification will help such officials make their decisions and expedite visa issuance.

Return directly to the college providing or requesting this statement.

The space below is for optional use by issuing institutions for listing student's expected annual budget.

1. Your Name Mr. Ms. Mrs. MissDOE
Family (surname)JOHN
Given (first)

Middle

4. Date of Birth02 10 1994
Month Day Year**2. Permanent Address**

123 OLD SCHOOL ROAD

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

3. Mailing Address (if different from above)176 Edgerstoune Rd.
Princeton, NJ 08540**5. Place of Birth (country)**

SOUTH AFRICA

6. Country of Citizenship

SOUTH AFRICA

7. Expected Visa Type

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- F-1
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- G-2
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- F-2
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- G-3
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- J-1
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- G-4
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- J-2
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- H
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- G-1
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- Other (specify) _____

9. What is the present exchange rate of your country's currency to the U.S. dollar?
 (for example, 3,100 pesos = \$1)
.06936 = \$1

10. Does your government currently impose restrictions on exchange and release of funds for study in the U.S.?
 Yes No
 If YES, describe restrictions.

11. Do you have a source for emergency funds once you arrive in the U.S.?
 Yes No
 If YES, name source.
Parents BANK ACCT.
 Amount available in U.S. dollars \$ 5000.00

12. How will you pay for your transportation to the U.S.?
PARENTS

13. What is the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this institution?
 \$ 5000.00


14. Do you plan to remain in the U.S. during the summer?
 Yes No

15. If remaining in the U.S., do you plan to attend summer school?
 Yes No

16. What are the sources and amounts of support available to you during the summer?

Sources	Amount
	U.S. \$ <input type="text"/> .00
	U.S. \$ <input type="text"/> .00
	U.S. \$ <input type="text"/> .00
	U.S. \$ <input type="text"/> .00

17. A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (Form I-20 or DS-2019) will not be authorized until this form is completed and returned to the institution to which you are applying. The institution will attach a copy of this form to your CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY. Both the form and certificate must be shown to the U.S. consul to obtain a visa.


Signature of Student 
 I certify that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for refusing or revoking admission.
 Date 16 12 2016
 Day Month Year

This is to certify that I have reviewed the declaration and attached documents, if appropriate, and approve issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility.

SIGNATURE OF COLLEGE OFFICIAL _____ TITLE _____
 NAME OF INSTITUTION _____
 ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

8. Enter the expected amount of annual support from the sources listed below. Enter amounts in U.S. dollars. Please PRINT all entries. Use an additional sheet of paper for explanations, if necessary.

Student's Sources of Funds	Assured Support	Projected Support		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
8a. Personal or Family Savings IMPERIAL BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA Name of Bank Signature of Bank Official: <i>[Signature]</i> Title: Head of Bank Name of Bank: IMPERIAL BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA Address of Bank: 200 Royal Road, Johannesburg, S.A.	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
	Date: 1-7-2017			

Official Certification of Sources of Funds and Amounts

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

8b. Parents (Money available from sources other than savings.)

Henry Ooe Parent's Name Relationship: Father	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00

Parent's Name
Relationship

Please describe the source:

Signature of Parent: *[Signature]* Date: 12-16-2014

Address

Official Certification of Sources of Funds and Amounts

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

8c. Sponsors (Money available from sources other than parents.)

Sponsor's Name	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Sponsor's Name	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00

Sponsor's Name

Please describe the source:

Signature of Sponsor Date

Address

Relationship of Sponsor to Student

Official Certification of Sources of Funds and Amounts

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

8d. Your Government

Name of Agency	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
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Enclose a signed copy of your letter of award with this form.

TOTAL \$.00 \$.00 \$.00 \$.00

(Bank Letterhead)

RE: Certificate of Finances

For: _____ - International Undergraduate Applicant

Account Holder: _____

Account Number: _____

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to confirm that the above mentioned client is maintaining a relationship with (Name and Address of Bank), since (date here). During this period, the relationship maintained has been conducted in a satisfactory manner. His total relationship balance as of (today's date here), is (Account Balance Here). This is per the request of the above client for the purpose of paying for her son's _____ education.

This letter is not a guarantee but for your information only and has been issued at the request of the account holder without any responsibility howsoever arising on the part of the bank or any of its officers.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature for Financial Institution
And Bank Stamp Here

Ways to apply to college:

There are several ways to apply to college in terms of deadlines and commitment. You will want to discuss your plan with your college counselor in September. Below is a brief explanation of these differences with the approximate deadlines. Be sure to check Naviance and the College/University website for their specific deadline. Note that students must 'hit submit' on their applications two weeks before the colleges deadline to give the College Counseling Office enough time to send your supporting materials to the colleges.

- Non-Restrictive Application Plans:
 - o Regular Decision (RD): You apply by the deadline and must make your decision of where to attend by May 1st. RD deadlines are usually around January 1st.
 - o Rolling Admission (Rolling): Once the application is up on the school's website you can apply. Typically, once they have your supporting documents, you will receive a decision within 6-8 weeks. You have until May 1st to decide if you will attend.
 - o Early Action (EA): You apply by the deadline, which is typically in early to mid-November and receive your decision mid-December/ early January. You apply early and receive a decision early. You have until May 1st to decide if you will attend. You can apply to several schools EA provided that none of these schools are 'REA' (see below)

- Restrictive Application Plans:
 - o Early Decision (ED): Think *decisive*. After visiting schools, if you determine that a college/university is your number one choice, you might consider applying Early Decision. If you apply Early Decision you sign a contract stating that you will attend if admitted; this contract is also signed by your college counselor and parents. You may only apply to one ED school. If you are admitted during the early decision period to your ED choice, and have to other schools under early action, you agree, under the Early Decision agreement to withdrawal those applications from consideration. If admitted to your ED school, your deposit is typically due in January.
 - o Restrictive Early Action (REA): You apply by an earlier deadline, typically early to mid-November and receive your decision by mid-December/early January. The difference is this: you may not, under this plan, apply to other schools at early action or early decision. It's as if the school is saying 'we will give you a decision early if you apply to us early, but we don't want you to apply to any other schools EA/ED. Examples of schools that have REA are: Boston College and Stanford. Under REA, you still have until May 1st to decide if you will attend and can continue with any RD applications if you choose.

For more information about the college process as well as useful links and resources go to:

<http://www.hunschool.org/academics/college-counseling/index.aspx>