



Please read this page FIRST and very carefully

This page contains very important information about travel to the U.S. as a foreign national to attend the Worcester Academy Summer Session.

The appropriate status for travel to our program is “visitor” not “student”. You may be able to come to the U.S. without a Visa in the “Visa Waiver Program,” or you will be required to apply for a Visitor Visa at a U.S. consulate in your country. Please read carefully as to which Visa program applies to you.

THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM (For an overview of the Visa Waiver Program, please visit the following site: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html)

A large majority of participants coming to Worcester Academy Summer Session do not require any Visa since they will be traveling from a country that participates in the Visa Waiver program.

The Visa Waiver program enables nationals from participating countries to travel to the United States for a stay of 90 days or less without obtaining a Visa, if they meet certain requirements.

The countries listed below are participants in the Visa Waiver Program

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Travelers from the 36 countries listed above may request entry into the United States under the **Visa Waiver Program** if:

- The purpose of their stay is 90 days or less only for business or tourism (which includes attending the Worcester Academy summer program, a summer enrichment program)

- They present a machine-readable passport valid for six months past their expected stay in the U.S.
 - If the machine-readable passport is issued or renewed/extended on or after 10/26/06 – requires integrated chip with information from the data page (e-Passport)
 - If they are a citizen of Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Korea, or the Slovak Republic, they must travel on a passport with an integrated chip (e-passport.)
- They have complied with the conditions of previous admissions under the Visa Waiver Program and have not been found ineligible for a U.S. Visa
- They are traveling on an approved carrier, if arriving by air or sea
- They can demonstrate the intent to stay 90 days or less with sufficient funds to support themselves in the U.S., if arriving by land
- will be enrolled in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) US-Visit Program. This is a traveler registration system for foreign nationals, where the inspector will take a digital photograph and 10 digital fingerprint scans. Most visitors from Canada or Mexico will not be required to enroll in the DHS US-Visit Program.
- must present a completed and signed I-94W (the green form, for Visa waiver travelers) or I-94 (white form, for all others). These are free and are normally provided by travel agents, airlines or cruise ships prior to arrival.
- must pay a land border fee if they enter through land ports of entry.
- may also be asked to provide additional documentation on the purpose of their stay in the U. S. Included in this envelope is a letter that we have prepared for this reason. It should be presented to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Inspector if you are questioned about your visitor status.

For additional information, including wait times to schedule a visa appointment, please visit the State Department Web Site for temporary visitors in the U. S. at

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html

For additional information about the DHS US-Visit program, please visit the following web site:

http://www.dhs.gov/xtrvlsec/programs/content_multi_image_0006.shtm

