

Dear prospective student, thank you for your interest in the Southwestern College International Student Program. You will find that the following information will outline the admission requirements, deadline dates and other important relevant information.

Southwestern College is a two-year public community college located in Chula Vista, a suburb of San Diego, California. The college is approximately 15 kilometers east of the Pacific Ocean on a mesa above the Bonita Valley. The college provides post-secondary education and offers a wide variety of day and evening courses to assist students in achieving their educational needs.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring 2020 deadline: November 1, 2019; Fall 2020 deadline: June 1, 2020

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Students will only be admitted for the start of Spring and Fall semesters
- New and returning students will not be admitted for the summer session
- We do not admit students to English as a Second Language classes
- Applicants must present their high school diploma and transcripts. High school diploma must be equivalent to U.S. high school diploma standards (12 years of schooling)
- Students must be a high school graduate, have achieved a "B" or 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and meet the placement recommendation for admission as referenced in the Country Index.
- Submit \$100 application fee - Checks or money orders must be made payable to Southwestern College
- To be accepted as an International Student, Southwestern College requires applicants obtain a minimum score of 50 points on the Internet-Based TOEFL test (IBT) or a 5.5 on the IELTS.
- Applicants must have official TOEFL/IELTS test scores mailed to the Southwestern College Admissions & Records Department to be considered for admission. All courses offered at Southwestern College are conducted in English and students must have sufficient command of the English language. Students who can verify that their native language is English may be exempt from presenting TOEFL scores.
- Submit a 300-to-500-word handwritten essay (Personal statement - include your educational goals and why you would like to attend Southwestern College)
- If you currently possess a passport, visa, I-20, I-94, and/or other non-immigrant status, please submit copies of those documents

NOTE: Additional TOEFL information can be found at [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl); TOEFL Practice Online community information is available at: [www.ets.org/toeflpractice](http://www.ets.org/toeflpractice); IELTS info is at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

## TRANSFER STUDENTS ONLY:

Students transferring from a college or university in the United States must have completed 15 semester units with a minimum 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale). Students transferring from a college or university in the United States must have also had their academic transcripts mailed directly to the Southwestern College Admissions & Records Office. Transfer Students must have submitted Transfer Clearance Form (completed and signed by PDSO or DSO from last school attended).

Further instructions will be provided upon acceptance

## COST OF ATTENDANCE

Tuition varies per semester. Refer to [swccd.edu/fees](http://swccd.edu/fees) for current fees.  
Students must purchase textbooks and other related instructional supplies.

### ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE

Based on an academic year (August to December & February to May)

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Estimated tuition and fees:           | \$ 7,244        |
| Estimated room and board charges:     | \$12,492        |
| Estimated cost of books and supplies: | \$ 1,791        |
| Estimated other expenses:             | \$ 4,158        |
| Total:                                | <b>\$25,685</b> |

## HOUSING

Please be aware that Southwestern College does not have on-campus housing or dormitories. Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to arrange housing accommodations.

## ACCEPTANCE

Students admitted will receive notification approximately 30 days after the application deadline. The college will issue an I-20 form only after the student has been admitted, has met all admission requirements, and has paid the **non-refundable** \$100 application fee.

Once you receive the I-20 form and have a valid passport, you should contact the nearest United States Consulate or Embassy in your home country to apply for an F1 visa (student visa). For applicants who are already here in the US, please contact the International Student Advisor for instructions. You will be instructed on how to apply for a change to an F1 student status or how to complete your transfer to our college.

### Form I-20 - Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F1) Student Status

A Congratulations Letter and an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) form I-20 will be sent to you after you have met all of the admissions requirements. To avoid delays in receiving your form I-20, please notify our office immediately if you have changed your mailing address.

Note: For applicants who currently possess an F1 visa and I-20 from another institution, please meet with the International Student Advisor in the Admissions Office. You will be instructed on how to complete your transfer to our college.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Upon acceptance, all International Students must complete the following prior to official class enrollment:

- ♦ Attend a pre-registration orientation
- ♦ Take the College Placement Exams
- ♦ Receive academic counseling prior to course enrollment
- ♦ Obtain medical insurance policy information
- ♦ Sign an International Student agreement
- ♦ Receive International Student Handbook - Please be aware that the student assumes responsibility for keeping current and being compliant with all Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations.

### **MANDATORY ORIENTATION**

F1 students are required to attend a mandatory orientation and enrollment session. Orientation is scheduled approximately two to three weeks prior to the start of the semester. **Students are required to bring their I-20 form, passport, visa, and form I-94.**

The following activities will occur during orientation:

- ♦ Completion of the College Admissions Application
- ♦ Discussion of immigration regulations
- ♦ Overview of the U.S. educational system
- ♦ Math and English assessment tests
- ♦ Registration
- ♦ Campus Tour

### **CONTACT PERSONS**

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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR RESPONSE.**

Check one:

☐ Initial Attendance ☐ Continued Attendance ☐ School Transfer ☐ Former Student

Semester you are applying for: ☐ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Fall \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR YEAR

Number of semesters you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female  
MONTH/DATE/YEAR

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

(FOREIGN ADDRESS) # STREET ADDRESS APT. #

CITY COUNTRY ZIP

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
INCLUDING COUNTRY CODE & AREA CODE

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
# STREET ADDRESS CITY COUNTRY ZIP CODE

U.S. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
#STREET ADDRESS CITY COUNTRY ZIP CODE

**THIS SECTION MUST ONLY BE COMPLETED BY STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE UNITED STATES**

Date of last entry into the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Current Visa type (B1/B2, F1, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

If your visa status has changed, the date change approved by INS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date your I-94 Expires \_\_\_\_\_

List institution(s) that have issued you an I-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend that institution on an F-1 visa? ☐ No ☐ YES Date(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_

I-94 Admission Number : \_\_\_\_\_ SEVIS Number \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND ALL COLLEGES

Please list in chronological order the names of all schools and colleges that you have attended and list all diplomas and/or certificates that you have earned:

| Attendance Dates:<br>FROM (month/yr) TO (month/yr) | Name of School and<br>Country | Grades or Levels<br>Completed | Certificates or<br>Units/Diplomas/Degrees<br>Received | Grade<br>Point<br>Average |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
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**CERTIFICATION:** I declare under penalty of perjury that all information provided refers specifically to me and it is true and correct. I understand that falsification or withholding information requested on this form shall constitute grounds for dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize Southwestern Community College to release information about my application status, or enrollment status to the following people or institutions.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print or type:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME RELATIONSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS (COUNTRY CODE) (AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME RELATIONSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS (COUNTRY CODE) (AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER



## SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910 (619) 482-6584 Fax (619) 482-6489 www.swccd.edu

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

You must submit proof that you have adequate financial support to attend Southwestern College and to cover your expenses while residing in the United States. Please verify affidavit of support to cover at least one year's worth of expenses. Also, please note that the requested amount listed below is based on the applicant being single with no dependents. If you would like to apply for a dependent(s), please see dependent application.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST PER YEAR: \$25,685 U.S. Dollars (includes incidental expenses)

From family \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
From own savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
From sponsor or government \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
From other sources \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that I will be responsible for the financial support of the applicant as shown in the confidential statement above.

| Name (Please Print) | Signature   | Relationship    | Amount in US \$ |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     |             |                 |                 |
| Address             | City, State | Foreign Phone # | Local Phone #   |
|                     |             |                 |                 |

### BANK CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read the information give by the applicant on this form. The information indicated is true and accurate as of today, and funds available are listed below:

Bank Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Funds Available: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Official's Name and Title (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*In lieu of completion of this **BANK CERTIFICATION**, you may attach an official letter from your bank written on official letterhead or a copy of your most recent bank statement.

**PLACE OFFICIAL BANK STAMP  
OR SEAL HERE**

I certify that I have adequate funds as indicated above to cover my expenses while attending Southwestern College:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- ☐ This Transfer Clearance Verification must be submitted with application if you are currently attending a school in the United States. Please have form completed by the Designated School Official (DSO) or Primary Designated School Official at your current or last school attended.
- ☐ Official transcripts from current and prior U.S. institutions attended. Transcripts must be mailed directly from school to school.
- ☐ Copies of your current immigration status (valid passport, visa, front & back copies of I-94 & all I-20 copies).

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Did student maintain a full-time status? Yes ☐ No ☐

Does student have any financial obligation to your school? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the student in good academic standing? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the student authorized to continue studies at your institution? Yes ☐ No ☐

Type of program taken (ESL, Academic, Voc. etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_ Total units completed \_\_\_\_\_

Was the student granted Optional Practical Training while enrolled at your institution? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please specify dates: **Beginning** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ending** \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ INS School Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated School Official Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Designated School Official & Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Seal/Stamp

F1 Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DEPENDENT APPLICATION F-2 VISA

(NOTE: Complete one form for each applying dependent)

Please attach to this application a copy of each document listed below. Also, note that the documents must be translated to English and must be official or certified.

- Marriage Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- If applicable, a copy of the applicant's current passport or visa
- Affidavit of support (\$10,000.00 for spouse and \$5,000.00 per child)

### Information Pertaining to Student Spouse and/or Dependent Child

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female  
MONTH/DATE/YEAR

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to F-1 Student: ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent Child

Foreign Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(FOREIGN ADDRESS) # STREET ADDRESS APT. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY COUNTRY ZIP

U.S. Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS) # STREET ADDRESS APT. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY COUNTRY ZIP