

Dear English Language Learner:

Thank you for your inquiry about Westchester Community College's *Intensive English Language Program*.

The Intensive English Language Program

This program is for students who want to study intensively in an English program in the United States for 3 or more months. Our students are usually preparing to study at a U.S. university or to work in a profession that requires English. Students study 20 hours per week, Monday-Friday. Daily student-centered classes engage participants in the study and practice of all language skills: grammar, conversation, listening, reading, and writing.

Schedule

5 Mornings: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 3 courses: ESL # 1709, 1029 and 1129 3 Afternoons: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 12:30 PM – 2:10 PM 1 course: ESL #1210

To satisfy F-1 regulations and maintain F-1 status, students with F-1 status are required to take the above schedule.

Placement Exam (Required for new students)

New students may start at the beginning of the Fall, Spring, or Summer term. At the beginning of a term, every new student is tested and placed into the appropriate language level.

Spring 2019 Dates

Morning Schedule: January 9 – April 24 Placement Test: Wednesday, January 9 - 9:00 am First Class: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Expenses

Students should consider several costs when calculating their expenses. These costs include: tuition and fees per semester; books, which are in addition to the course fee; supplies & insurance; transportation; personal items & clothing; and living expenses, per semester. The following amounts are estimated for the coming semesters:

Spring 2019 Expenses (approximate) 20 hours/ week (IEP + Accent on Fluency #1210)		Summer 2019 Expenses (approximate) 20 hours/ week (IEP + Accent on Fluency #1210)		
Tuition & fees per semester	\$ 2,697.00	Tuition & fees per semester	\$ 2,697.00	
Books & supplies*	\$ 200.00	Books & supplies*	\$ 200.00	
Insurance*	\$ 200.00	Insurance*	\$ 200.00	
Transportation*	\$ 480.00	Transportation*	\$ 480.00	
Personal items & clothing*	\$ 400.00	Personal items & clothing*	\$ 400.00	
Living expenses*	\$ 4,200.00	Living expenses*	\$ 4,200.00	
*These items are cost estimates only. Living expenses, for example, will vary depending on housing.		*These items are cost estimates only. Living expenses, for example, will vary depending on housing.		

Information on F-1 Immigration Status and Visa

Important Regulations

- Immigration regulations require that you maintain your status as a full time student while you are in the USA with an F-1 visa. If you stop studying full-time, you will lose your status and may be subject to deportation. Full-time study requires a minimum of 18 hours per week in the Intensive English Program. Nearly all F-1 students take 20 hours per week (Intensive English Program and Accent on Fluency).
- F-1 student status requires special permission to work on campus from the Social Security Administration as well as from the ESL Program. It is considered a serious violation by the Department of Homeland Security if an F-1 student works without permission.
- Your financial documents must prove your ability to pay the cost of tuition, books, and living expenses for the length of your program. Living expenses are expected to be lower if a relative or sponsor is providing your room and board. Please see attached information for specific kinds of financial documentation.

Forms

The Intensive English Program can give you a <u>Form I-20</u>, which is required if you want to apply for the <u>F-1 Student visa</u>. First, you must provide the following to the Intensive English Program:

- A completed Intensive English Program application form. Please complete all parts of the application form, including providing a passport-style photograph.
- *Financial documentation*. All students must prove that they have the ability to meet financial obligations while studying in the United States on an F-1 visa. Students can meet these expenses in a number of ways:
 - 1. Personal funds (See *Documenting Financial Support*, which is attached.).
 - 2. Funds from one or more sponsors (See Sponsor's Affidavit of Annual Financial Support, which is attached.).
 - 3. Local sponsor's promise of free room and board (See Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room and Board, which is attached.).

Please complete the enclosed forms and return to the address below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us Monday - Friday. We look forward to receiving your application and having you study with us.

Registration

We encourage all applicants to register **in advance** to guarantee a space in the program. A friend, family member, or sponsor can register for a student who is not yet in the U.S. Registration begins in the English Language Institute, Gateway Center, Room 243. Call 914-606-6656 for more information about registration or to register by telephone. Tuition must be paid in full at time of registration.

Housing

Westchester Community College does not have student dormitories or other living accommodations. Many of our international students live with friends or relatives near the College. If you are planning to look for a room in a private house or to rent an apartment, we can refer you to a private, third-party (independent) real estate service specializing in homestays and short-term housing. Bear in mind that Westchester Community College does not supervise, endorse, nor otherwise assume any responsibility for any such living arrangements students may make for themselves.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Sincerely,

Katherine Graf

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ESL Program Specialist & DSO, English Language Institute

Westchester Community College,

Gateway Center - Room 243

75 Grasslands Road

Valhalla, NY 10595 USA

Tel: 914-606-6163 Fax: 914-606-7894

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM APPLICATION



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Native Language:						circle		
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Have you already been academi U.S. college or university?		•	YES N	NO				
If YES, please give name and ac	ddress of the colle	ge/university:	Name of Ir	stitution:				
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		VISA IN	FORM	IATION	1			
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Financial Certification

	f documents ARE acceptable. Bank account balances must be stated in U.S. sh. (Check one)
Personal Funds:	
	tements stating amount in account in U.S. dollars, plus other documents . See our form, requirements.
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Sponsor is Relative or Friend: Requires six months of your sponsor our form, "Documenting Financial S	s bank statements stating amount in account in U.S. dollars, plus other documents . See apport" for requirements.
Government or other organizat	on:
Requires scholarship letter from gov	rnment/organization. See our form, "Documenting Financial Support" for requirements.
Please list full name, address, and telepho SPONSOR :	e number of
Sponsor's Name:	
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Telephone Number:	
	a copy of the information pages of the passport. Transfer students with F-1 quest Form and a copy of your I-94 card, and copies of <u>all</u> I-20A/B forms issued
months of bank statements, guarantee from US DOLLARS. No I-20 form will be issue	e I-20 A/B form will be considered unless accompanied by proper certification in the form of six sponsor, affidavit of support, etc. All financial documentation must state the amount of money in d unless this information is properly provided. You will also need to show financial office to prove that you have sufficient funds for your studies in the United Sates. Therefore, we ments.
valid. In addition, I understand that I must	at the information provided is true and that the financial statements submitted on my behalf are ake a scheduled placement test and register at least 3 weeks before the test date to have a class schedules. In addition, <i>I understand that as a non-resident of Westchester County, I am</i>
-	nich includes a 175% non-resident surcharge. I also understand that admission to the Intensive
English Program as an F-1 student does not	constitute admission to Westchester Community College for study in any degree program.
Student's Signature	Date
Westchester Community College English Language Institute 75 Grasslands Road, GTW-243 Valhalla, NY 10595-1698 USA	COMMO

Westchester Community College adheres to the policy that no person on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, or handicap is excluded from, or is subject to discrimination in, any program or activity. Westchester Community College no discrimina en contra de ninguna persona debido a su raza, color de piel, religión, sexo, edad, estatus matrimonial, nacionalidad, origen, orientación sexual o limitaciones física.

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(914) 606-7894

FAX:

Documenting Financial Support

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COVER YOUR MINIMUM ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY.

The American Embassy or consulate requires to see that funds are available to cover one year's minimum expenses and that there is sufficient evidence that equal amounts will be available for every year of your program. Our requirements are the same for issuing your Form I-20.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Personal funds.
- Funds from a sponsor such as a parent living in the home country or a local relative or friend.
- Local sponsor giving free room and board.

DOCUMENTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- 1. Sponsor affidavits the promise to support you by giving you up to a specific amount of money for a specified period of time. Also, if relevant, the promise to provide free room and board.
- 2. Six months of bank statements with sponsor's name, monthly deposits/balance, and current balance.
- 3. Proof of Employment and Income.
- 4. Income tax returns.
- Documents must be in English, less than three months old, and in US dollars. They must be less than six months old when applying for the F-1 Visa.
- Photocopies and faxes are accepted. The American Embassy will need your originals when you get your I-20 and apply for the F-1 Visa.

YOUR SPONSOR'S INCOME IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR SPONSOR'S BANK STATEMENT

- Bank statements are very poor evidence of your sponsor's ability to support you unless the balance is very high.
- Proof of your sponsor's income must be on the employer's letterhead, on income tax returns or receipts, or estimated by a bank or private accountant if the sponsor is self-employed.
- The income of a company is not the income of the owner of the business.

BANK DOCUMENTS

- Bank statements must state: 1) sponsor's name, 2) Monthly deposits/balance, 3) Current balance.
- Bank statements saying "enough" or "sufficient" funds are available, or that "the account holder is capable of supporting the student" will not be accepted.

A SPONSOR IS THE **SOURCE** OF THE SUPPORT

- A sponsor may be one or more family members, friends, or organizations.
- A family member in the U.S. who is receiving money from another family member in another country to give to you is <u>not</u> a sponsor.
- You may sponsor yourself completely or partially. The amount in your account will be divided by the number of years in your program.

SPONSORS MUST SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT

- Each sponsor must submit an affidavit stating exactly what is to be provided annually.
- Affidavits must be signed by the sponsor.

FREE ROOM AND BOARD COUNTS AS CASH SUPPORT

- A person who is giving you a place to live and food to eat must submit an affidavit of free room and board with a copy of the property deed or rental lease or copy of income tax forms on which the house is reported.
- Free room and board reduces living expenses by the amount indicated for living expenses (housing, utilities, and food).
- Affidavits will not be accepted if the place to live is too small or too far from WCC.

NON-LIQUID FUNDS OR PROPERTY ARE NOT ACCEPTED

- Income from investments and property should appear in bank accounts.
- Retirement accounts are not accepted.

Average Living Costs and Tuition

Average living costs are estimated below. This is a modest, "no extras" budget. It is highly recommended that you bring at least 10% more.

	Self-paid	Self-Paid	Free Room/	Free Room/			
	1 Sem.	1 Year	Board 1 Sem.	Board 1 Year			
LIVING EXPENSES							
Housing and Utilities (approx. \$750 per month)	\$3000	\$9,000	\$0	\$0			
Based on average cost of a room in a private home							
Food	\$1,200	\$3,600	\$0	\$0			
Based on Living Wage Calculation (Westchester)							
Living Expenses Total	\$4,200	\$12,600	\$0	\$0			
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Personal Items and Clothing000504517	\$400	\$1,200	\$400	\$1,200			
Based on a modest budget. Does not include cell							
phone/plan.	¢400	¢1 440	¢400	¢1 440			
Transportation (approx. \$120 per month)	\$480	\$1,440	\$480	\$1,440			
Based on price of an Unlimited Ride MetroCard (good on Bee-Line buses, NYC buses & subways)							
Books and Supplies	\$200	\$600	\$200	\$600			
Based on book and supply costs at Bookstore	\$200	\$000	\$200	\$000			
Medical (\$50 per month)	\$200	\$600	\$200	\$600			
Based on average rate for int. student health ins.	Ψ200	ΨΟΟΟ	Ψ200	ΨΟΟΟ			
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Sponsor's Affidavit of Annual Financial Support

YOUR COMMITMENT AS A SPONSOR TO A STUDENT

When you complete the Sponsor's Affidavit of Financial Support on the other side of this page, you are certifying and swearing to Westchester Community College Intensive English Program and the US government that you can and will provide a student with a specific amount of money for every year of study at Westchester Community College Intensive English Program.

It is assumed that you have carefully considered the real costs of supporting the student while living and studying in New York and do not expect that he/she will be able to find employment or other support after beginning school. Employment is strictly controlled by the US Immigration Service and permission to work is extremely difficult to get. You should anticipate that the student's expenses will increase 4-5% annually. Sponsors who fail to meet their stated commitment jeopardize the student's education and legal status in the U.S. and cause pain and suffering.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT

- 1. Fill out the form on the back of this page completely. Please print or type.
- 2. Promise to provide only the amount you intend and are able to give to the student.
- 3. Sign the affidavit.
- 4. Attach documents which prove that you are capable of providing this amount of support.
- 5. Documents must be in English, less than three months old, and in US dollars. Photocopies and faxes are accepted. However, the student will need original copies when going for the visa.

PROVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Prove your ability to support the student by sending us the following documents:

- 1. Six recent bank statements stating sponsor's name, monthly deposits/balance, and current balance. Bank statements alone will not be accepted as sufficient proof of ability to support the student unless the account balance is very high. Bank statements saying "enough" or "sufficient" funds are available to support a student are not accepted. All statements must indicate US dollar amounts.
- 2. A letter from your employer on business stationery stating your annual salary, or income tax returns or receipts (preferred for US Residents), or pay stubs for the last six months.

DO NOT SEND:

- 1. Information about non-liquid funds or property. It is assumed that income from investments will appear in other accounts.
- 2. Retirement account information.
- 3. Bank statements or tax returns that are not in your name.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT ON THE OTHER SIDE.

SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

(Please print or type)

I hereby attest that I am willing ar in cash to the student named below College, Intensive English Progra	w for every year of study at		
NAME OF STUDENT(first, middle, family names)			
My relationship to the student is: My telephone number is: (cellul My postal address is:	ar):	(home):	
(number and street)		(apartment number)	
(city)	(state)	(zip code/postal code)	(country)
The following persons are dependent support. (Do not list adult members themselves. Do not include the stude NAME	of your family who are sup	porting	
My documentary evidence of final that apply.) Letter from my employer on business static Six recent bank statements: Pay stubs for the last six months: Income tax returns and receipts: Other:	•	Please check all	
You must sign below. Any erasure			
I hereby affirm or swear that the	AFFIRMATION (
Signature of Sponsor	Printed Na	ame of Sponsor	

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Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room and Board

YOUR COMMITMENT

When you complete the Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room and Board on the other side of this page, you are certifying and swearing to Westchester Community College and the U.S. government that you can and will provide a student with free room and food for <u>every year</u> of study at Westchester Community College. The student cannot be required to provide you with any services such as babysitting, cleaning, etc. in exchange for room and board, as that is considered employment.

It is assumed that you have carefully considered the real cost of providing the student with a free room and all meals while living in New York and do not expect that he/she will be able to find employment or other support after beginning school. Employment is strictly controlled by the U.S. Immigration Service and permission to work is extremely difficult to get. Sponsors who fail to meet their commitment jeopardize the student's education and legal status in the U.S. and cause pain and suffering.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT

- 1. Fill out the form on the back of this page completely. Please print very clearly or type.
- 2. Sign the affidavit.
- 3. Attach a photocopy of a lease or deed in your name or photocopy of income tax forms on which the house is reported.
- 4. The affidavit must be in English.
- 5. The affidavit will be accepted only if it is clear that there is enough space for the student and that the location is not too far from school.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT ON THE OTHER SIDE.

SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF FREE ROOM AND BOARD (Please print or type)

I hereby certify that I am willing and able and will provide					
Full name of student (first, middle, family names)					
with a free room and all meals					
for every year of study at Westchester Community College.					
I will not require any type of service to be performed in exchange for this benefit.					
My relationship to the student is					
Telephone number: (cellular): (home):					
Address of room or apartment offered to the student:					
Number and Street Apartment Number					
City State Zip Code					
How many rooms are in the house or apartment?					
How much space will be reserved for the exclusive use of the student?					
Does the sponsor live at the address listed above?					
Does the sponsor own or rent the property?					
Attach a photocopy of a deed or lease in your name or a photocopy of income tax forms on which the residence is reported.					
You must sign below. Any erasures or changes must be signed by you.					
AFFIRMATION OR OATH					
I hereby affirm or swear that all the information I have given above is true and correct:					
Signature of Sponsor Printed Name of Sponsor					
Date Date					

THE MOST COMMON REASONS FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS ARE REJECTED ARE.....

- DOCUMENTS ARE TOO OLD (no more than three months old when submitted to WCC).
 - SPONSORS PROMISE MORE MONEY THAN THEY CAN AFFORD.
 - SPONSORS HAVE NOT SUBMITTED SIX RECENT BANK STATEMENTS.
- SPONSORS HAVE NOT PROVIDED PROOF OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS.
- STUDENTS WITHOUT A SPONSOR SHOW ONLY ENOUGH FUNDS FOR 1 YEAR.

Do not assume that you will be able to work to help meet expenses!! Employment is strictly controlled by the immigration service!

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