

Life Christian Tacoma, Washington

International Student Program...

*Preparing students to walk through the doors
God opens*

What makes Life Christian so special?

One of the defining strengths of Life Christian is our excellent, core academic curriculum. Our young people graduate equipped with the new skills needed for the high-tech, fast paced world of the 21st century. Our Advanced Placement program allows students to earn college credit while attending high school. Our on-site college counselor provides families with resources and guidance throughout the challenging college application process. Life Christian graduates are accepted at prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States.

To get a feel for what truly makes Life Christian special, you have to understand the priority we place on spiritual growth and matters of the heart. All students on campus enjoy daily Bible classes, weekly chapel services and on going community service projects. Students of all ages are provided missions opportunities where they can live out their growing Christian faith and learn the role of active citizenship. In over 25 years our school has never wavered in its commitment to our mission...

*to provide a Christ-centered environment of academic excellence,
where staff work in partnership with families, to develop young
students who will know and serve Jesus Christ.*

We are also distinct in our commitment to provide a culturally diverse Christian community. To accomplish this, our International Student Program hosts 25 students in grades 6-12 each year. We have utmost respect for loving parents who are willing to sacrifice so much for their children. We want to do our part to make sure these dedicated students are successful.

Getting Started...The Admissions Process

Life Christian is a selective admissions school looking for students whose lives, achievements, and goals best exemplify the mission of our school. Life Christian works in cooperation with several approved agencies specializing in assisting families who want their students to participate in a Christian study-abroad program to the United States.

Families and/or their agency representative are responsible for the following:

- Compliance with Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement, as well as subsequent communication and follow-up.
- Obtaining an F-1 student visa prior to August 15th of the school year.
- Travel arrangements.
- Arranging for home stay -- Students must live with an English speaking home stay family. Life Christian does not allow students to live on their own.
- Finding a doctor in Tacoma that is available in case of emergencies.

Step 1: Submit an International Student Application for Admission. The non-refundable application fee must be included. All questions must be answered completely. It must be disclosed if applicant is currently in the United States on a B2 visitor VISA or if the applicant has attended another school in the United States on an F1 student VISA prior to making application to Life Christian.

Step 2: English proficiency requirement. These must be submitted with the Application for Admission.

Students applying for grades 7-12:

Secondary Level English Proficiency (SLEP) exam must be administered in student's native country and an official copy of the SLEP test results submitted with application. Additionally, provide a small collection of photographs that include you and your family, your church, your school, sports, music, art or other activities in which you participate.

Students applying for grade 6 and younger:

Provide a DVD with the applicant speaking in English for several minutes. This is required to assess the applicant's English proficiency. Applicant must demonstrate a level of English proficiency commensurate with their academic level of education. Additionally, provide a small collection of photographs that include you and your family, your church, your school, sports, music, art or other activities in which you participate.

Essay:

Applicant is required to write a 250 word essay. Applicant may wish to write their essay on the form in the space provided on the application **or** permission is given to duplicate the form exactly and type in the answers using a computer program like Word, etc. Applicant must write or type their own answer to the questions.

Step 3: Three reference letters in English must be submitted with the Application for Admission. These must be from a pastor, a teacher, and an adult friend (not a relative) who have known the applicant for a long time.

Step 4: Applicant must submit with Application for Admission transcripts of all academic courses including grade 9 and above (translated in English). All International students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Step 5: Provide proof of financial responsibility in American dollars to cover applicant tuition and expenses. This must be submitted with Application for Admission.

Step 6: Return the completed Application for Admission (including application fee, pictorial or video presentation, reference letters, transcripts, financial responsibility documentation) to:

Life Christian School/Academy
1717 So Union
Tacoma, WA 98405
USA
ATTN: Dave Trochim, Dean of Admissions

The SEVIS I-20 form is issued by Life Christian after the application process has been completed and the student has been accepted for admission. It is the agency/family responsibility to follow up with the American Embassy to insure the F-1 student visa is issued prior to the student's first day of school.

Financial Policy for International Students:

Application Fee – (non-refundable) \$300
Must accompany Application for Admission

Registration Fee – (non-refundable) \$300
Payable upon acceptance for admission

International Student Fee - (non-refundable flat fee) \$1,500
This is required of all I-20 international students for maintaining records required by the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement. Payable prior to the start of school.

Miscellaneous Fee – (in addition to annual tuition) \$1,200
Like any public or private school, there are certain fees attached to various classes and activities. These fees offset the extraordinary costs for classes and activities, which tuition does not cover. A sample of miscellaneous fees would include things like: hot lunch, book rental fee, science and art lab fees, retreats, student planners and ASB. A complete list of fees will be provided upon acceptance. Payable prior to the start of school.

Tuition – It is required that all international students pay the full year tuition prior to the start of school. Please refer to the Tuition & Fee Schedule enclosed.

If an international student begins school at the start of second semester (in late January), the following fees become applicable:

Application Fee – (non-refundable)	\$300
Registration Fee – (non-refundable)	\$150
International Student Fee – (non-refundable flat fee)	\$1,500
Miscellaneous Fee – (in addition to annual tuition)	\$600

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