

SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION

A Maricopa Community College

The Maricopa County Community College District consists of 10 colleges located in the Greater Phoenix area in Arizona. Our colleges serve more than 270,000 students annually and offer over 200 degree and certificate programs. We welcome your application as an international student, and our staff will make every effort to assist you. Our District is authorized under Federal law to enroll non-immigrant students. If you have questions in completing this form, please contact the International Education Programs office at South Mountain Community College.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION PROCESS:

Application deadline for the Spring Semester (January 14 to May 11): **November 1**

Application deadline for the Fall Semester (August 18 to December 14): **July 1**

**There is NO
application fee.**

Please send:

1. **THIS COMPLETED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

Please print clearly. Be sure that your name on your application is spelled the same as your name in your passport. Write your date of birth in the USA format: Month/Day/Year.

2. **PROOF OF GRADUATION FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Original or certified copies of official diploma or certificate from each secondary school (high school), college or university, and/or technical school you have attended. If your official documents were issued in a language other than English, you must submit the official documents in the original language **AND** an official translation of the documents. An official translation is a precise, word-for-word English translation of the documents that has been prepared by the issuing institution or a professional translator. *Unofficial photocopies, color copies, scans, color scans, faxes, attachments, downloads and internet printouts of secondary school documents cannot be accepted.*

3. **EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

(waived for students whose native language is English)

a. **Admission to Academic Programs**

Applicants who wish to enroll in an academic program at the college must present evidence of their level of English language proficiency. There are several different methods that can be used to satisfy this requirement:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): The applicant must attain a score of at least 500 on the paper-based test, 173 on the computer based test, or 61 on the Internet-based test. (Note: SMCC's institution code is 4734.)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): The applicant must attain an overall IELTS Band Score of 5.5 or better. A minimum IELTS individual Band Score of 5.0 in EACH module is recommended.
- STEP Eiken test (for Japanese students): Pre-1 level or better is required.
- Appropriate scores on Maricopa Community College's placement tests: Accuplacer, ASSET, COMPASS or CELSA.

Please note: Regardless of TOEFL or IELTS scores, all new students are required to take placements tests upon arrival at South Mountain Community College.

4. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- a. You or your sponsor(s) must complete the Statement of Financial Support, which states that there are sufficient funds to cover your educational and living expenses, estimated at \$20,230 (in USD) per year, and are willing to use this money to pay for your academic and living expenses while you are attending South Mountain Community College. *Please see the Proposed Budget information for details.*
- b. IMPORTANT: You or your sponsor MUST also include OFFICIAL & ORIGINAL bank statements or an OFFICIAL & ORIGINAL letter from the bank (on bank letterhead and signed by a bank official) showing that the sponsor has sufficient funds on deposit.

If submitting the official letter from the bank: The official letter must be written on bank letterhead bearing the bank's address, telephone number, fax number, web address, and bank official's original signature and stamp. The letter must include the account holder's name, address, account number, the approximate date the account was opened, that the account is in good standing, and the current account balance in USD. *We cannot accept bank letters that do not state that a balance in excess of \$20,230 (in USD) is available.* If submitting bank statements, they must be for a consecutive three month period. Bank statements must reference the account holder's name, address and account number as well as be printed on bank letterhead. We will not accept bank statements older than six months before the start date of your intended semester of study.

*Faxes, photocopies, color copies, scans, color scans, attachments, downloads and internet printouts of financial documents will not be accepted. Evidence of financial support will be required prior for issuance of the I-20 form. Please note that the U.S. Consulate will require another set of original financial documents when you apply for the F-1 visa. The college has no scholarship or financial aid provisions for international students; therefore, students must be fully prepared to meet the necessary financial obligations for the entire time they will be in the United States.

5. A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

A copy of the pages with identification information (including the picture page) and expiration date is required. The passport must be valid for at least six months. If your spouse and/or children will accompany you, please provide photocopies of their passports as well.

Additional requirements if you are applying from within the United States:

6. A photocopy of the I-94
7. A photocopy of your current visa in your passport
8. An official transcript from the previous educational institution sent directly to South Mountain Community College
9. Photocopies of all prior SEVIS I-20 documents
10. SEVIS Transfer form, completed and signed by both the student and the current international student advisor/DSO
11. Approval Notice of Change of Status, if applicable

IMPORTANT: PLEASE VERIFY THAT YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE IS COMPLETE BEFORE YOU SEND IT, AND THAT YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED WILL RESULT IN DELAY OF THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION. PLEASE E-MAIL OR CALL IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS.

**PLEASE SEND APPLICATION AND ALL
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:**

Attn: Ms. Edith Megui
International Admissions
Registration & Records
South Mountain Community College
7050 S. 24th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85042
USA

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Ms. Edith Megui
International Admissions
Telephone: 602-243-8305
Fax: 602-243-8199
Email: edith.megui@southmountaincc.edu

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

I am applying for admission to and academic Program.

Program of Study: _____

I plan to begin studying in the Fall (August-December) 20 Spring (January-May) 20

Application Deadlines: Fall Semester: July 1st Spring Semester: November 1st

Have you ever applied to any Maricopa Community College? No Yes, please provide your Maricopa Student ID

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family Name (in passport): _____

First Name (in passport): _____

Middle Name (in passport): _____

Former/Maiden Name: _____

Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Gender: Male Female

Marital Status*: Married Single

Ethnicity*: Asian or Pacific Islander
 White, not of Hispanic origin
 Black, not of Hispanic origin
 Hispanic Other

*Voluntary information used to comply with Federal Reporting and has no effect on admission to college. This information will not be used for any discriminatory purpose.

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

What was the first language you spoke as a child?

What language do you speak most often now?

What languages were spoken in your home when you were growing up?

Do you wish assistance with English fluency skills? Yes No

FOREIGN Mailing Address (in home country address required):

Street address: _____

City: _____

Province/Territory: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone Number: Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address in the United States (if applicable):

USA Phone Number (if available): _____

If your spouse and/or children will accompany you, please provide their names (as listed in the passport), birth date and place of birth, and their relationship to you:

Complete Name	Date and Place of Birth	Citizenship	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you possess an AZ Department or Motor Vehicle License or ID? Yes, please provide: Number: _____
Date of Issue: _____ Date of Expiration: _____
No

U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable) : _____

High School/Secondary School Status:

High School

Currently Enrolled Graduated

Name of current or last high school attended:

City and country of high school:

Date of graduation: Month: _____ Day: _____
Year: _____

GED Certificate

Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Previous College (Please check highest level completed):

- Associate Degree No college or university
- Bachelor Degree Some college or university,
no degree
- Master Degree or higher Other: _____

Please list ALL colleges and universities you have attended (if applicable). If you need more space, please attach a separate page. **(Please have all official transcripts sent directly to South Mountain Community College)**

College or University Name: _____

Location: _____

Name of Degree Earned (in English and in original language): _____

Did your parents attend university?

Yes No

****If you require assistance or accommodation to participate fully as a student, please contact Disability Resources & Services (DRS).**

How did you find South Mountain Community College?

- Internet Search College Fair
- Family member in Arizona Another student told me
- Advising Center in my home country
- Other (please write): _____

Transfer to University/MCCCD:

Name of Institution: _____

Area of Study: _____

Address to which I-20 should be mailed (NOT a PO Box – we need a complete physical address): _____

City: _____

Province/Territory/State: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone Number at Delivery Location: _____

If you are currently in the United States, what is your visa type? (Example: B-1/B-2, J-1, H-4, etc) _____

If F-1, what school issued the I-20?

What school are you now attending?

What is the expiration date on your I-94 card?

Have you applied for permanent residence? Yes No

Do you plan to travel outside the USA before starting your program of study at South Mountain Community College?

Yes No

If yes, when: _____

Applicant Statement (Must be signed and dated by the applicant):

Information Release: Maricopa Colleges have my permission to release directory information relative to my enrollment (as per the *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*) Yes No

Unanswered will be treated as "Yes."

I certify that the names, dates, and other information that I have provided on this International Student Information Form are true, correct, and complete:

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR*

The approximate cost of **one academic year of study** at the Maricopa Community Colleges is:

Non-resident tuition and fees (Full-Time Enrollment):	\$8,010
Living Expenses (off campus):	\$10,140
Textbooks, supplies and Mandatory Health Insurance:	\$2,200
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TOTAL:	\$20,350

Note: Applicants will be asked to provide proof of additional funding for each accompanying dependent (**\$5,000** for the first person, **\$2,500** for each additional dependent). A dependent is defined as the spouse or child of the F-1 student.

Please indicate how much money you will have available to you for each year of study at SMCC (U.S. Dollars) (\$20,350 minimum):

Please indicate the source of funds (family, personal savings, embassy, government scholarship or loan, employer, etc.), and amount from each source:

*Cost and estimated expenses are subject to change. For more information visit our web site: <http://www.southmountaincc.edu/>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

(to be completed by financial sponsor):

This is to certify that I, _____ will provide sufficient funds to
(full legal name of financial supporter)

cover all the expenses of _____ while he/she is enrolled as a
(full name of student)

student at South Mountain Community College. I understand that international students applying for a SEVIS I-20 Certificate of Eligibility from Maricopa Community Colleges need to show evidence that they will have at least \$20,350 per year to cover all educational and living expenses. For your review, I am **submitting official financial documents** showing that I have sufficient funds for this purpose.

I understand that I am making a commitment to the United States government and to the student, and will not expect the student to contribute through employment, as employment is strictly controlled by U.S. law and very limited to F-1 students.

Please contact me if you need more information about these arrangements.

Name: _____ Home Telephone: _____

Relationship to student: _____ Mobile Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATEMENT OF LIVING EXPENSES SUPPORT

(to be completed by financial sponsor):

This is to certify that I, _____ will provide a room, meals,
(full legal name of supporter)

utilities and other support for daily living in my home (or friend's or family member's home) free of charge at :

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

while he/she is enrolled as a student at South Mountain Community College. I understand that international students applying for a SEVIS I-20 Certificate of Eligibility from Maricopa Community Colleges need to show evidence that they will have at least \$20,350 per year to cover all educational and living expenses. For your review, I am **submitting official financial documents** showing that I have sufficient funds for this purpose. I estimate that the value of housing, meals and miscellaneous support that I am providing is worth approximately \$10,140 of that amount for one year. I also understand that I am making a commitment to the United States government and to the student, and will not expect the student to contribute through employment, as employment is strictly controlled by U.S. law and very limited to F-1 students.

Please contact me if you need more information about these arrangements.

Name: _____ Home Telephone: _____

Relationship to student: _____ Mobile Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

South Mountain Community College requires that students who are under the age of 18 (minors) reside with a guardian in the United States. In the event of personal emergency, accident, illness, incarceration, etc., the State of Arizona will require the signature of a guardian before assistance such as hospitalization, legal counsel, etc., can be offered. The college is not permitted to act in the place of the parent or guardian. **(Note: Students under the age of 18 are required to complete the "Request for Admission Students Under the Age of 18" form, located in the R&R office.)**

The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, handicap/disability, age, or Vietnam era/disabled veteran status in employment or in the application, admission, participation, access and treatment of persons, instructional programs and activities.

September 30, 2015