

International Students Q and A

Q When is the application due?

A ACS accepts applications year round.

Q How can I have the best opportunity to be accepted into ACS international student program?

A We will be looking for students who can demonstrate a high level of English skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing, who have high marks in their current school, excellent recommendations, and can show involvement in programs right now that they will continue in once accepted to ACS, such as fine arts, athletics, theater, clubs, etc.

Q What about the I-20 and F-1 visa?

A International students must obtain an F-1 visa from their local US Embassy to attend school in the U.S. for more than one year. In order to obtain an F-1 visa, the international student must first be accepted at a SEVIS-approved school, such as ACS. After the student has been accepted to ACS, you will be issued the I-20. We send the I-20 by certified mail courier to the student in their home country. The student then takes this form to the U.S. Embassy and requests an F-1 visa.

Please note that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer at the port of entry (airport) has the authority to decide whether or not you are admissible to the U.S. This decision is based upon facts and circumstances presented at the time you apply to enter. Arcadia Christian School cannot guarantee that you will be admitted or readmitted to the United States.

Q Does ACS offer homestay?

A ACS does not work with a trusted home stay agency.

Q Does the student have to be a Christian to attend Arcadia Christian School?

A ACS is a distinctly Christian environment, and students seeking to enroll should be willing to explore and discover Biblical principles on a daily basis. Although we understand that not every student will come to ACS with a decision already made to follow Christ, the student should expect to be immersed in a Christian Biblical worldview and should have a basic understanding of the tenets of the faith (see Arcadia Christian School Statement of Faith for more information). We encourage students to ask questions and examine the Christian faith in order to make a personal decision, however, we do expect civil and respectful discussions.

Q Is there financial aid available for international students?

A We are sorry, but there is not financial aid for international students.

Q Do students need health insurance to attend Arcadia Christian School?

A Yes, all international students must have health insurance to attend our school. They may select and purchase their own health plan in their home country if it is recognized in California, they may purchase a plan in California once accepted by ACS and show proof prior to school starting.

Q Who should I contact for more information about the ACS International Student Program?

A We are so glad you are learning more about Arcadia Christian School—we love and care for each international student in our program and want to answer all your questions. Please contact Veronica Gibu at acsoffice@acslions.com