

## STEP 1

Oakwood University is approved by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency for the admission of non-immigrant students. The letter of acceptance is issued only to those students whose academic credentials are satisfactory. It is important that an international student not leave his/her country of origin until an official letter of acceptance, Certificate of Eligibility (I-20), and a student visa have been received. To obtain these documents, each international student must forward the following items to the Office of Admissions:

- Completed [Oakwood University Undergraduate Application](#)
- Official secondary/high school transcripts and external or governmental exams
- College/University transcript(s)
  - submit transcript(s) to World Education Services ([wes.org](http://wes.org)) or [validential.com](http://validential.com)
- College entrance exam scores (ACT or SAT) - [Waived for current academic year](#)
  - Verify ACT/SAT score requirements with your academic department head
  - For placement information, please call the Center for Student Success at: +1 (256) 726-7149 or email: [studentsuccess@oakwood.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@oakwood.edu)
- [TOEFL Exam](#) (required for Non-English speaking applicants)
  - The minimum acceptable score for TOEFL are as follows: 460 for written exam; 42 for internet exam. For TOEFL test information call: (609) 771-7100, or go to: <https://www.ets.org/toefl.html>
- [Alternative Proficiency Testing](#)
  - The minimum acceptable score for **Duolingo** exam is 80; or 5 for the **IELTS** exam.
- Current F-1 transfer students must complete the [SEVIS Transfer Clearance Form](#)
- [Affidavit of Support](#)
  - If your sponsor is a US Citizen or Permanent Resident, they must complete the [I-134](#).

GPA below 2.0

- One academic letter of recommendation from a teacher or advisor (if GPA is below a 2.0)
- One essay (if GPA is below a 2.0, explaining why GPA is low and your plans to improve it)

**NOTE:** U.S. Homeland Security does not permit Oakwood University to accept individuals with a **Visitors Visa** for enrollment.

## STEP 2

Congratulations, moving on to Step 2 means you have officially been accepted into Oakwood University! Confirm your enrollment by submitting the following payments:

- Personal Surety Deposit of \$1,200 U.S. for countries outside of the North American Division
  - Pay by phone at +1 (256) 726-8429 or pay online at via [MyOakwood](#) by selecting the "Student" tab upon login.
- Check your email for your Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Student Status (I-20).
- SEVIS Fee (\$350.00 U.S.)
  - Pay online at [www.FMJfee.com](http://www.FMJfee.com)
- Schedule your interview with the American Embassy/Consulate

## STEP 3

Once you have been granted clearance and receive your student visa, you should:

- Complete and submit the [required medical forms](#) (Medical History, Dental Exam, Immunization Forms, Insurance Enrollment Waiver)
- Register for classes via [MyOakwood](#) by selecting the "Student" tab upon login.
  - Students must have a declared degree/major and be registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Register for housing and meal plan via [MyAbode](#)
- View your financial status & begin the Financial Clearance process online via [MyOakwood](#) by selecting the "Student" tab upon login.
  - For questions, contact Student Accounts at +1 (256) 726-7383

## STEP 4

To leave the country, you must carry the following items with you:

- Your original, signed travel I-20
- Current, valid U.S. Visa
  - If your visa has expired, you must renew it before you can return to the U.S.
- Your passport
  - Must be valid for six months after your last port of entry date

If traveling to a third country (not your home country or in the U.S.):

- Current, valid U.S. Visa
  - Please consult with the consulate of the country you are planning to visit to find out if you need to have a visa

## STEP 5

Upon arrival to Oakwood University and completing Financial Clearance, you should:

- Proceed to the Office of Admissions for SEVIS registration - Cunningham Hall, 2nd Floor, Room 222
- Attend New Student Orientation
- Attend International Student Orientation
- If you are interested in on-campus employment or request a Social Security Card, contact the Career Connections Center. Call: 256.726.7134

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