



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### **THIS DOCUMENT MAY REQUIRE TRANSLATION**

#### **✚ Does Chapelgate Christian Academy accept international students?**

When space is available, Chapelgate Christian Academy (CCA) is happy to accept international students who meet entrance requirements. International students are typically admitted to CCA at the beginning of the school year in late August. CCA admits international student at and above the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **✚ Does Chapelgate issue I-20 documents?**

CCA has been approved to issue I-20 documents for international students who have been accepted by the Academy and are applying for F-1 visas. Once a student has been offered admission to CCA, they need to send a non-refundable \$2,000 deposit to the school in order to confirm their intent to enroll. This deposit will be credited toward their tuition. CCA will issue the official letter of acceptance and the student's I-20 once this deposit has been received.

#### **✚ What are the entrance requirements for international students applying to Chapelgate Christian Academy?**

To be considered for admission to CCA, international students must submit the items listed below to the Admissions Office. All documents are to be provided in English, or accompanied by English translations:

- ✓ all CCA application forms (available at [www.chapelgateacademy.org](http://www.chapelgateacademy.org)) with the \$500 application fee
- ✓ proof of compliance with all immunizations currently required by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; this must be received by Chapelgate Christian Academy no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>. Families who fail to meet this important deadline may be charged a significant penalty. In addition, CCA will not admit students to class until full compliance is demonstrated.
- ✓ a copy of the prior year's report card and the most recent report card that includes information about the grading scale; it is expected that international applicants to CCA have grades that are above average
- ✓ proof of English proficiency as demonstrated by the student's performance on a TOEFL for all students who have completed grade 8 or higher.
- ✓ evidence demonstrating that the student or sponsoring parents have sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses during the period of intended study
- ✓ a recommendation from the pastor of the church where the family or guardian of the student worships, if the student's family or guardians are Christians;
- ✓ a copy of the student's passport
- ✓ a copy of the student's F-1 Visa – if one has already been issued to the student by another school in the US
- ✓ recommendation forms completed by the student's current Administrator, and English and Math teachers.
- ✓ an essay of introduction completed by the student applying for admission; this should tell why the student wants to attend CCA, what he or she hopes to accomplish as a student in the U.S., and should also provide information about his or her personality, character, interests, and goals.
- ✓ Applicants will be asked to participate, with at least one parent, in an interview with the admissions committee. This is scheduled ahead of time and conducted by Skype. During the interview, the prospective student is expected to speak in English; parents may require the presence of an interpreter.

#### **✚ Does Chapelgate Christian Academy provide special services for students who are learning the English language?**

Although CCA requires international students to demonstrate their proficiency in English before they can be accepted, the Academy does provide additional instructional services for English Language Learners (ESL). CCA offers courses in International Bible, ESL and Advanced ESL English, and ESL U.S. History for high school students. Support for English, Reading, History, and Science is provided for 8<sup>th</sup> grade ESL students.

#### **✚ Is bus transportation provided? No.** Parents or guardians are responsible for transporting students.

## Does Chapelgate make arrangements for home stay families?

Some families of international students make arrangements with a relative or trusted friend to be their child's guardian. Families of international students are welcome to make their own homestay arrangements independently from Chapelgate Christian Academy. However, CCA cannot take responsibility for resolving any disagreements or problems that may occur in these situations. They must provide CCA with information about the adults with whom their child will be living including:

- ✓The name(s) of the parent(s) or guardian(s) with whom they will be living in the U.S.
- ✓The address at which they will be living in the U.S.
- ✓U.S. telephone numbers – including home, work, and cell phone numbers – for their parent(s) or guardian(s)
- ✓Email addresses for the parent(s) or guardian(s) that can be accessed both in America and in the student's home country.

**Important Note:** A Power of Attorney document that has been completed by the parents and notarized, that authorizes the current guardian -- whether arranged by the family, through an agency, or by CCA -- to make decisions on behalf of the parents regarding their student's health, education, and welfare, must be submitted to CCA before the student's registration can be completed.

For international students whose families need help finding guardians, CCA can help make arrangements for homestay placements with American families and provide on-going support services. Students who are living with host families that have been provided through Chapelgate Christian Academy pay an additional fee to cover the expenses of the host family and the services provided by a Home Stay Coordinator. The total cost for CCA's homestay program is \$12,500 for the 2018-2019 school year.

## What curriculum does the school use?

The Academy offers a college preparatory program for both average and advanced students. The curriculum is written and approved by the faculty and administration. Textbooks are selected from both Christian and secular publishers based upon the excellence and appropriateness of each book. Currently, CCA offers 9 Advanced Placement courses. The Christian world and life view is integrated in each subject at CCA. CCA is accredited by both the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSACS) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

## What are the hours for the school day?

Students are to be in homeroom by 8:15 each morning; they are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Students are not to arrive earlier than 7:30 a.m. and must be picked up by no later than 4:00 p.m., except when they are attending extra-curricular activities under the supervision of designated school personnel.

## What is the cost of tuition? Are there other fees?

For the 2018-2019 school year, tuition for each international student is \$22,820 for the full year. This includes retreats, non-consumable textbooks, some activity fees, and the health insurance coverage from August 1, 2018-July 31, 2019 that is required by CCA. Tuition for international students can be paid in full by July 20<sup>th</sup> or by semester, with the first payment due by July 20<sup>th</sup> and the second payment due by January 20<sup>th</sup>, or spread out over 10 (ten) monthly payments with the first payment equal to 25% of the total tuition due July 20<sup>th</sup> and the remaining 75% spread out monthly through the April payment. In addition to tuition, a \$500 registration fee must accompany each student's application. \$250 of the registration fee will be credited if tuition for students paid in full by June 15<sup>th</sup>. A \$500 re-registration fee is charged annually for each current student who is re-enrolling for the following year. There is a \$100 per sport fee for student athletes.

An international student who applies after July 1 and is offered admission to CCA must pay a minimum of 50% of the annual tuition and, if applicable, the home stay fee to confirm their intent to enroll. Once receipt of this payment (either by wire transfer or clearance of a check) has been confirmed, CCA will send the letter of acceptance and I-20 to the student.

## **For additional information contact:**

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