

How do I enter the English as a Second Language Program?

_____ 1. Answer all the questions on the *English as a Second Language Program Application* (on the next page). A minimum TOEFL score is not required for admission to the English as a Second Language Program, and there is no application fee. Please type or write legibly in black ink.

_____ 2. Fill out the *Certificate of Financial Support*. This form verifies that your sponsor (parent, relative, or friend) will pay for your expenses while you study in the United States at Northwest Missouri State University.

_____ 3. Ask your sponsor to provide an official bank statement or government affidavit of support. It must show enough funds to pay for 12 months of study (about U.S. \$17,000). You must send the **original** document, not a copy.

_____ 4. Send all of these documents (steps 1, 2, and 3) **and a copy of your passport or birth certificate** to the address at the bottom of this page.

How do I get a visa?

When we get all of your papers (steps 1, 2, 3, and 4), we will send you an I-20 form and letter that says you can study in the English as a Second Language Program. (*Admission to the ESL Program is not the same as regular admission to Northwest Missouri State University. See below.*) You should take the letter and I-20 form to an American embassy or consulate in your country. There you will apply for a visa.

In some countries it is easy to get an American visa. In some countries it is very difficult. Some consulates only give visas to students who will take university classes after they finish studying English (not students who will only study English). If it is difficult to get a visa in your country, you should try to get tentative acceptance.

What is tentative acceptance?

Tentative acceptance means that when you finish the English as a Second Language Program you will be able to study as a regular undergraduate student at Northwest Missouri State University. If you apply for tentative acceptance, you will know if you can study in the university before you come to the United States. To see if you can get tentative acceptance, you should try to enter Northwest Missouri State University now. (Tentative acceptance is only for undergraduate students. There is no tentative acceptance into graduate programs.)

If you get tentative acceptance, you will receive a letter from Northwest Missouri State University telling you that you may study in the university. You should take this letter with you when you go to apply for your visa.

How do I enter Northwest?

If you want to know that you can study at Northwest Missouri State University after you finish in the ESL Program, you should do steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 at the top of this page and also these steps:

_____ 5. Complete the *International Student Application*. Write to us and we can send you a copy, or print it out from the internet. Go to www.nwmissouri.edu/iic and click on **International Application**.

_____ 6. Ask your high school for transcripts. (Transcripts are papers that show your grades or marks.)

_____ 7. Ask your high school for a paper that says that you have finished high school.

_____ 8. If these papers are in your language, they must be translated into English.

_____ 9. If you went to a college or university, you must get the same papers (as in steps 6, 7, and 8) from that school.

_____ 10. Send these papers and a check or giro for \$50 (in U.S. dollars, payable to Northwest Missouri State University) to:

ESL Program
Northwest Missouri State University
800 University Drive, WH 106
Maryville, MO 64468-6001
U. S. A.

English as a Second Language Program Application

Surname (Family name)

First Name (Given Name)

Middle Name (2nd Given Name)

Date of Birth (month/day/year)
(Minimum age: 18 years old)

Country of Birth

Country of Citizenship

() Male () Female

Postal Address: _____

Telephone Number

Fax Number (optional)

E-mail Address

High School Attended: _____

Location: _____ High School Graduation Date _____

How long have you studied English? _____ When did you study English? from _____ to _____
year year

Where did you study English? (school and location) _____

Have you previously taken a TOEFL test? _____ If so, what was your score? _____

When would you like to begin in the English as a Second Language Program?

Month and year to begin: _____

Is your goal to obtain a 500 TOEFL score while studying in the English as a Second Language Program? (Each session of the program lasts approximately 7 or 8 weeks. An institutional TOEFL test is administered at the end of the session.)

() Yes () No

Acceptance to the English as a Second Language Program is not the same as tentative acceptance as a regular undergraduate student at Northwest Missouri State University. You must submit a separate application if you wish to continue at the university after completing the ESL Program. (See *How do I enter Northwest?*) There is an application fee of \$50. Are you submitting a regular application for admission to Northwest Missouri State University along with your application for the ESL Program?

() Yes () No

Were you referred by an educational consultant or advisor? () Yes () No

If yes, please write the name of the advisor or agency here: _____

CERTIFICATION

My signature below indicates that all information in this application and the accompanying Certificate of Financial Support is factually correct and complete. I understand the purpose of the required financial data is to prevent me from having financial difficulties after enrolling in the English as a Second Language Program. I also understand that the university cannot provide me with financial assistance. I understand that I will be required to purchase or show evidence of having adequate health and accident insurance. I also understand that the misrepresentation or omission of application information is sufficient grounds for canceling my admission.

Signature _____ Date _____