

### International Educational Advising Center

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U.S. Department of State NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION

**DS-156** 

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (UNDERSTAND THIS AS 'WRITE') YOUR ANSWERS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW EACH ITEM.

(NOTE: DONT LEAVE ANY BOX BLANK, IF U HAVE NO INFO WRITE "NONE)

1. Passport Number:
2. Place of Issuance:

AS IN YOUR PASSPORT
AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

3. Issuing Country INDIA

4. Issuance Date (dd-mmm-yyyyj: AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

(MENTION MONTH IN ALPHABETS AS INDICATED IN THE BRACKETS, Ex: JAN, FEB)

5. Expiration Date (dd-mmm-yyyyj AS IN YOUR PASSPORT (MONTH IN ALPHABETS AGAIN)

6. Surnames (As in Passport) AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

7. First and Middle Names (As in Passport) AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

8. Other Surnames Used (Maiden, Religious, Professional, Aliases): MENTION IF ANY / 'NONE'

9. Other First and Middle Names Used MENTION IF ANY / 'NONE'

11. Place of Birth: AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

10. Date of Birth (dd-mmm-yyyy): AS IN YOUR PASSPORT (MONTH IN ALPHABETS AGAIN)

12. Nationality INDIAN

13. Sex (Male/ Female) TICK APPROPRIATE BOX

14. National Identification Number (If applicable): NONE

15. Home Address (Include apartment number, street, city, state or province, postal zone and country)

**AS IN PASSPORT** 

(U CAN ALWAYS GIVE A DIFFERENT 'MAILING ADDRESS' TO THE TT SERVICES TO RECEIVE UR PASSPORT, IN CASE UR ADDRESS ON PASSPORT IS NOT UR 'CURRENT ADDRESS')

16. Home Telephone Number: +91-CITY CODE-PHONE NUMBER (EX: +91-40-XXXXXXXXX)

Fax Number:
Business Phone Number:
Business Fax Number:
Mobile/Cell Number Pager Number

SAME PATTERN AS ABOVE / NONE

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17. Marital Status: AS APPLICABLE

18. Spouse's Full Name (Even if divorced or separated. Include maiden name.): GIVE INFO / 'NONE'

19. Spouse's DOB (dd-mmm-yyyy) GIVE INFO / 'NONE'

20. Name and Address of Present Employer or School Name: GIVE INFO / 'NONE'

21. Present Occupation (If retired, write "retired". If student, write "student".) STUDENT

22. When Do You Intend To Arrive In The U.S.? (Provide specific date if known)

IF TICKET NOT BLOCKED AND DATE NOT KNOWN GIVE AN APPROXIMATE TIME FRAME LIKE "AUG, 2" WEEK" ETC.

(NOTE: ARRIVAL DATE SHOULD NOT BE EARLIER THAN 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF REPORTING. SAFE BET IS TO COUNT ABOUT 10 DAYS FROM THE REPORTING DATE AND GIVE THAT WEEK'S INFO)

23. E-Mail Address

YOUR E-MAIL



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24. At What Address Will You Stay in The U.S.?

GIVE PROPER ADDRESS IF KNOWN, OR GIVE ADDRESS MENTIONED ON I-20

(REMEMBER THAT U WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE "DSO – DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL" UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMPUS, SO THIS ADDRESS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE).

NOTE: GIVE PHYSICAL ADDRESSES ONLY. NO P.O.BOXES PLZ.

25. Name and Telephone Numbers of Person in U.S. Who You Will Be Staying With or Visiting for Tourism or Business (GIVE INFO IF APPLICABLE, ELSE JUST MENTION 'NONE')

Name
Business Phone
Home Phone
Cell Phone
NONE
NONE

26. How Long Do You Intend To Stay in The U.S.?

02 YEARS (If opting for a Masters Program; 04 years for a Bachelors / Doctoral Program

27. What is The Purpose of Your Trip?

TO PURSUE MY MASTERS IN (Your Program) AT

(your University Name)

28. Who Will Pay For Your Trip? FATHER: (Mr. UR DAD'S / PRIMARY SPONSOR'S NAME)

29. Have You Ever Been in The U.S.? **TICK APPROPRIATE BOX** 

WHEN?, FOR HOW LONG? GIVE INFO IF 'YES'. (PROCEED TO PAGE 2 IF 'NO')

(NOTE: PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE A RECENT ONE, AGAINST A LIGHT / WHITE BACKGROUND OF THE RIGHT SIZE (50 mm x 50 mm). STAPLE OR GLUE IT IN THE INDICATED BOX)

**END OF PAGE 1** 



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30. Have You Ever Been Issued a U.S. Visa? WHEN? WHERE? WHAT TYPE OF VISA?

TICK APPROPRIATE BOX AND GIVE DETAILS

31. Have You Ever Been Refused a U.S. Visa? TICK APPROPRIATE BOX AND GIVE DETAILS WHEN? WHERE? WHAT TYPE OF VISA?

NONE

- 32. Do You Intend To Work in The U.S.?
- 33. Do You Intend To Study in The U.S.? YES (If YES, give the name and complete address of the WRITE THE ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL AS MENTIONED ON THE I-20 school.)
- 34. Names and Relationships of Persons Traveling With You
- 35. Has Your U.S. Visa Ever Been Cancelled or Revoked? NO
- 36. Has Anyone Ever Filed an Immigrant Visa Petition on Your Behalf? NO
- 37. Are Any of The Following Persons in The U.S., or Do They Have U.S. Legal Permanent Residence or U.S. Citizenship? Mark YES or NO and indicate that person's status in the U.S. (i.e., U.S. legal permanent resident, U.S. citizen, visiting, studying, working, etc.).

(Husband / Wife); (Fiance / Fiancee); (Father/ Mother); (Son / Daughter); (Brother / Sister)

#### GIVE INFO AS APPLICABLE.

(NOTE: IF U PLAN TO PROVIDE INFO OF ANY RELATIVES IN THE US IN THIS COLUMN THEN ALSO BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THEIR VISA STATUS, OCCUPATION, LOCATION ETC., DURING THE INTERVIEW)

38. IMPORTANT: ALL APPLICANTS MUST READ AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ITEM.

#### TICK IN THE 'NO' BOX TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED BELOW, SHOULD U TICK 'YES THEN BE PREPARED TO BE GRILLED :-)

A visa may not be issued to persons who are within specific categories defined by law as inadmissible to the United States (except when is obtained in advance). Is any of the following applicable to you?

- Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon. amnesty or other similar legal action? Have you ever unlawfully distributed or sold a controlled substance (drug), or been a prostitute or procurer for prostitutes?
- · Have you ever been refused admission to the U.S., or been the subject of a deportation hearing, or sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the U.S., or any other U.S. immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means? Have you attended a U.S. public elementary school on student (F) status or a public secondary school after November 30, 1996 without reimbursing the school? NO
- Do you seek to enter the United States to engage in export control violations, subversive or terrorist activities, or any other unlawful purpose? Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization as currently designated by the U.S. Secretary of State? Have you ever participated in persecutions directed by the Nazi government of Germany; or have you ever participated in genocide?



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- Have you ever violated the terms of a U.S. visa, or been unlawfully present in, or deported from, the United States?
- Have you ever withheld custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a person granted legal custody by a U.S. court, voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation, or renounced U.S. citizenship for the purpose of avoiding taxation?
- Have you ever been afflicted with a communicable disease of public health significance or a dangerous physical or mental disorder, or ever been a drug abuser or addict?

While a YES answer does not automatically signify ineligibility for a visa, if you answered YES you may be required to personally appear before a consular officer.

person complete item 40.)	on Your Benait? (If answer is YES, then have that
40. Application Prepared By: NAME:	LEAVE BLANK
Relationship to Applicant:ADDRESS:	
Signature of Person Preparing Form:	
DATE (dd-mmm-yyyy)	

41. I certify that I have read and understood all the questions set forth in this application and the answers I have furnished on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false or misleading statement may result in the permanent refusal of a visa or denial of entry into the United States. I understand that possession of a visa does not automatically entitle the bearer to enter the United States of America upon arrival at a port of entry if he or she is found inadmissible.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: (DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN)

DATE (dd-mmm-yyyy) (WRITE THE DATE OF UR INTERVIEW, MONTH IN WORDS AS INDICATED IN BRACKETS)

END OF PAGE 2 (GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES)



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# U.S. Department of State SUPPLEMENTAL NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION DS 157

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1. Last Name(s) (List all Spellings):

GIVE ALL POSSIBLE VARIATIONS OF UR NAME, IN CASE UR NAME APPEARS IN DIFFERENT WAYS ON UR CERTIFICATES (SOME TIMES IT MAY BE ABBREVIATED ON SOME DOCS LIKE (R.K. FOR RAMAKRISHNA) OR (Md. FOR MOHAMMED) ETC)

2. First Name(s) (List all Spellings): SAME AS IN ITEM # 1

3. Full Name (In Native Alphabet): USE UR NATIVE SCRIPT (Ex: TELUGU, HINDI, ETC)

4. Clan or Tribe Name (If Applicable): MENTION IF APPLICABLE OR 'NONE' 5. Spouse's Full Name (If Married): MENTION IF APPLICABLE OR 'NONE'

6. Father's Full Name:

7. Mother's Full Name:

AS IN YOUR PASSPORT UR MOM'S NAME

8. Full Name and Address of Contact Person or Organization in the United States (Include Telephone Number):

GIVE THE DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIALS DETAILS (DSO). THIS IS THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY SIGNS YOUR I-20, AND THE NAME, TITLE & ADDRESS ARE MENTIONED ON UR I-20 (TOP LEFT HAND CORNER BELOW THE SCHOOL'S NAME). THE PHONE NUMBER WILL BE ON THE ACCEPTANCE LETTER'S LETTERHEAD WHICH IS NORMALLY SENT ALONG WITH THE I-20.

- 9. List All Countries You have Entered in the Last Ten Years (Give the Year of Each Visit):

  GIVE DETAILS IF APPLICABLE OR 'NONE'
- 10. List All Countries That Have Ever Issued You a Passport: INDIA
- 11. Have You Ever Lost a Passport or Had One Stolen? GIVE DETAILS AS APPLICABLE 'YES / NO'
- 12. Not Including Current Employer, List Your Last Two Employers

#### **GIVE DETAILS IF APPLICABLE OR 'NONE'**

Name Address Telephone No. Job Title Supervisor's Name Dates of Employment

13. List all Professional, Social and Charitable Organizations to Which You Belong (Belonged) or Contribute (Contributed) or with Which You Work (Have Worked).

GIVE DETAILS IF APPLICABLE OR 'NONE' (IF YES, BE READY WITH INFO IF QUESTIONED ON THIS TOPIC DURING THE INTERVIEW)

14. Do You Have Any Specialized Skills or Training, Including Firearms, Explosives, Nuclear, Biological, or Chemical Experience? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ If YES, please explain

GIVE DETAILS IF APPLICABLE OR 'NONE' (BEST ANSWER IS DEFINITELY "NONE" TO AVOID AN INTERROGATION ON THIS TOPIC DURING THE INTERVIEW)

- The Educational Advising Professionals -



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15. Have You Ever Performed Military Service? Yes \ No If Yes, Give Name of Country, Branch of Service, Rank/Position, Military Specialty, and Dates of Service.

#### **GIVE DETAILS IF APPLICABLE OR 'NONE'**

- 16. Have You Ever Been in an Armed Conflict, Either as a Participant or Victim? Yes / No If YES, please explain. 'NO'
- 17. List All Educational Institutions You Attend or Have Attended. Include Vocational Institutions But Not Elementary Schools.

U DON'T NEED TO GIVE FULL POSTAL ADDRESS / PHONE NUMBER. BY NOW ALL UR SCHOOL'S PHONE NUMBERS MIGHT HAVE CHANGED. SO DON'T WORRY IF U DON'T HAVE THE INFO. JUST GIVE THE CORE INFO, (EX: St. ANN'S HIGH SCHOOL, TARNAKA, HYDERABAD-07)

NOTE: PLZ GIVE DETAILS OF FORMAL EDUCATION ONLY. DETAILS OF COMPUTER COURSES, SHORT TERM COURSES, TRAINING PROGRAMS NOT REQUIRED.

Name of Institution Address/Telephone No Course of Study Dates of Attendance

1) NAME OF COLLEGE, LOCALITY, CITY, PIN CODE SSC (CLASS 10<sup>th</sup>) 19XX - XX
2) NAME OF COLLEGE, LOCALITY, CITY, PIN CODE INTER (CLASS 12<sup>th</sup>) 19XX - XX
3) NAME OF SCHOOL LOCALITY, CITY, PIN CODE BACHELORS 19XX - XX
(B.sc / B.Com / B.E./B.Tech)
4) MASTERS (M.Sc . etc) 19XX - XX

18. Have You Made Specific Travel Arrangements? Yes / No

#### **AS APPLICABLE**

If 'YES', THEN ENCLOSE THE PRINT-OUT OF THE ITINERARY THAT U GOT FROM UR TRAVEL AGENT, GIVING DETAILS OF UR FRLIGHTS FROM INDIA TO US, INCLUDING DETAILS OF ANY LOCAL CONNECTING FLIGHTS.



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### U.S. Department of State **DS 158**

CONTACT INFORMATION AND WORK HISTORY FOR NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANT

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1. Last Name1.(s): First Middle Name: AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

2. Date of Birth 2.3.(mm-dd-yyyy): AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

(NOTE: ALL NUMERICALS AS INDICATED IN BRACKETS)

3. Place of Birth Country City/Town State/Province: AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

4. Permanent Home Address and Telephone Number (include apartment number, street, city, state or province, postal zone, and country)

AS IN YOUR PASSPORT

Full Name and Address of Spouse (if applicable)(postal box number unacceptable)
 Name (Last, First, Middle)
 Address: PROVIDE INFO IF APPLICABLE / 'NONE'

6. Full Names and Addresses of Children, Parents, and Siblings (postal box number unacceptable)

Name (Last, First, Middle) Address Relationship Telephone Number

1)	PP ADDRESS FATHER	XXXXXXX
2)	MOTHER	XXXXXXX
3)	ELDER BROTHER	XXXXXXX
4)	(FOR SIS DIFFERENT ADDRESS IF MARRIED) YOUNGER SISTER	XXXXXXX

(NOTE: TRY NOT TO DISCLOSE VERY LARGE FAMILIES, CUD BE PERCEIVED AS A FINANCIAL LIABILITY. IF POSSIBLE TRY TO SHOW URSELVES AS THE YOUNGEST IN THE FAMILY)

7. List at Least Two Contacts in Applicant's Country of Residence Who Can Verify Information About Applicant (do not list immediate family members or other relatives) (postal box number unacceptable)

Name (Last, First, Middle) Address Relationship Telephone Number

(THIS IS WHERE OUR GOOD OLD NEIGHBOURS COME IN.....TRY TO GIVE THEIR REFERENCES..OR UR FRIENDS...'WHO' IS NOT IMPORTANT, AS LONG AS U GIVE INFO)

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8. WORK EXPERIENCE – PRESENT: 'NONE' / PROVIDE RELEVANT INFO IF APPLICABLE

Job Title: Date (mm-dd-yyyy) From Date (mm-dd-yyyy) To Employer's Name and Address: Telephone Number Describe Your Duties: GIVE INFO IN POINTWISE FASHION (IF APPLICABLE)

WORK EXPERIENCE – PREVIOUS 'NONE' / PROVIDE RELEVANT INFO IF APPLICABLE

Job Title: Date (mm-dd-yyyy) From Date (mm-dd-yyyy) To Employer's Name and Address: Telephone Number Describe Your Duties: GIVE INFO IN POINTWISE FASHION (IF APPLICABLE)

WORK EXPERIENCE – PREVIOUS 'NONE' / PROVIDE RELEVANT INFO IF APPLICABLE

Job Title: Date (mm-dd-yyyy) From Date (mm-dd-yyyy) To Employer's Name and Address: Telephone Number Describe Your Duties: GIVE INFO IN POINTWISE FASHION (IF APPLICABLE)

WORK EXPERIENCE – PREVIOUS 'NONE' / PROVIDE RELEVANT INFO IF APPLICABLE

Job Title: Date (mm-dd-yyyy) From Date (mm-dd-yyyy) To Employer's Name and Address: Telephone Number Describe Your Duties: GIVE INFO IN POINTWISE FASHION (IF APPLICABLE)

I certify that I have read and understood all the questions set forth in this form and the answers I have furnished on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false or misleading statement may result in the permanent refusal of a visa or denial of entry into the United States.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: (DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN)

DATE (mm-dd-yyyy): WRITE THE DATE OF UR INTERVIEW, (MONTH IN NUMERICALS)

**END OF PAGE 2 OF 2** 

#### **GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS**

If you are were paying attention while filling the forms, u would have observed that the application forms were sounding more like an interview. In other words THE INTERVIEW IS ONLY AN EXTENDED FORM OF THIS WRITTEN QUESTIONNAIRE(S). All the possible questions which are normally asked in your interview have already been answered by you, in writing. (So what are u scared of....(question paper leak ho gaya). The reason being, initially this DS forms were designed to eliminate a personal interview; hence all the info which a Consul needed to reach a decision was made available through these forms. The preparation of these forms was actually an exercise in indirect interviewing. (whew)

Wanna Bet? Here we go...Your FAQ followed by the written form!

- Q1. Why US? The mother of all questions.....(Refer Q 27 (DS-156)
- Q2. Which University (Refer Q 24 (DS-156), from here will arise further questions like why this School / Program? Any other I-20's? What other schools have you applied to?



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- Q3. What is your background? (Refer Q 21 (DS-156) this will pave the way for questions related to your academics like what is ur %age? At times the Consul may also like to know what you had been doing since your completions of studies, in case u r not a fresher. Enter Q8 (DS 158) (Time to pull out that job experience letter u are carrying..he..he)
- Q4. Who is funding /sponsoring you? (Refer Q 27 (DS-156)
- Q5. Do you have anybody in the US? (Refer Q 37, Q22 & Q25 (DS-156) why on earth would the student want to come early to a new place even though he has shown he has no one in the US and end up spending on a hotel when he has no confirmed accommodation (Q24 DS 156)...a dead give away.
- Q6. What happened last time? (previous reject info) ((Refer Q 31 (DS-156)... Previous reject maybe trying to hide (refer Q11 DS157)
- Q7. You are not eligible for a visa today, cuz you are a potential immigrant and you will not come back to India? (How did he know that) Refer to Q17. DS 157, where u wanted to list out all the courses that u had done in life...message conveyed friend is trying to prepare for future employment on one hand and trying to mislead me Q32 (DS 156)....Q26 (DS 156) vague answers indicate 'not so honest' intentions. This info clubbed with your actual performance during ur interview can spell the death knell for you... so beware and be on ur toes during the interview....confidence baba confidence....
- Q8. Ur family background? Q17, 18 &19 DS 156 + Q6 DS 158...(single ppl always attract consular attention & so do large families).....R u really well off as u indicate? (Q9 DS 157) (more grilling on ur finances)..ties to homeland how busy were you apart from studies (Q13 DS 157)

Q14 & 15 DS 157 talk about what u might have been doing apart from studying (just kidding)

Time to move on with the oral viva voce...your interview.... Q.E.D

So friends, I can go on and on but just to drive home the point...we have just answered the notorious FAQ's of the Visa Interview in writing, So please do pay attention to what u r filling in cuz the info which u provide will become a permanent INDEFINITE record with the US Dept of State ....Scary isn't it..... and please do retain a copy of what u have filled in for future use / reference, as u keep ur academic certificates....We may need it the next time (god forbid) or our bro or sis could be the next one who would like to go to the US of A and surely we don't want to make their life miserable right?

Bye for now....any questions will be glad to be of assistance

Regards & Good luck

Hafeez