

## Application Checklist

To be considered for admission, you should submit the following items to Saint Mary's:

- Completed application form.
- An official transcript of completed high school work with class rank, if applicable. Certified or notarized copies of academic records, certified as official by an authorized person, will be accepted. These records must be translated into English and must include an explanation of the grading system. Academic records must show all courses of study at the secondary and collegiate levels.
- If the SAT is offered in your country, submit official SAT results. **Saint Mary's code is 1702.**
- If your native language is not English, submit evidence of proficiency in the English language in the form of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores. **Saint Mary's code is 1702.**
- Recommendation from a secondary school counselor. Additional recommendations from faculty members are accepted but not required.
- Essay.
- Completed Certification of Finances form.

## Admission of International Students

International students (immigrants, non-immigrants and refugees) must submit applications for admission no later than **January 15** for the fall semester (starting late August) and **November 15** for the spring semester (starting mid-January). According to Federal regulations, the Certification of Eligibility (Form I-20) may be issued to an international student accepted for enrollment in a full course of study only after Saint Mary's College has determined that the applicant has met all academic, language proficiency and financial verification requirements and a U.S. \$400 housing deposit has been received.

### Application priority dates:

November 15	Spring Semester
January 15	Fall Semester
January 15	Deadline for International Scholarship Applications

Late applications are welcome if space is available.

## Certification of Finances

Evidence of financial responsibility is required of all international student applicants. Financial verification through the completed Certificate of Finances must be made by the College prior to institutional issuance of Certification of Eligibility (Form I-20). If you are accepted for admission to Saint Mary's, the information you have provided will be used to prepare the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20). Without this form, you will not be able to apply for a student visa to attend Saint Mary's College.

Make sure you complete all sections of the Certification of Finances. This form should be either **certified or notarized** by a local official or include a **certified bank statement** indicating a minimum amount available to meet the costs of your education at Saint Mary's College.

All accepted international students should be prepared to make full payment of tuition and fees, room and board for the academic year prior to their entrance to Saint Mary's College each August.

## Scholarship Opportunities

**Academic Scholarships:** These scholarships and awards range from \$4,000 to \$15,000 per year, and are renewable for four years. In order to qualify, all aspects of your academic profile will be reviewed, including grade point average, results of the SAT and TOEFL scores, rank in class (if available) and strength of your academic curriculum. You do not need to complete the International Student Financial Aid Application in order to be considered for these academic scholarships.

**International Scholarship:** Most financial aid resources available at Saint Mary's are Federally-based programs which carry U.S. citizenship requirements. As a result, international students are precluded from most need-based financial aid consideration except for limited grants and **ONE INTENSIVELY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP**. This award is given to the **best academically qualified incoming first year international student who also demonstrates financial need**.

Applicants for available need-based financial assistance and the International Scholarship must complete the Certification of Finances and the International Student Financial Aid Application provided by January 15.

The International Scholarship includes tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies; it does not include travel or living expenses or summer housing. Students must be prepared to assume responsibility for their personal expenses in the U.S.A. No one should rely upon the International Scholarship as a sole means of financing their education at Saint Mary's College.



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