



MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Preparing for your J-1 Visa Interview

1. Contact your local U.S. Consulate or Embassy to ask how to apply for an J-1 international student visa. A list of Consulates and Embassies can be found online at usembassy.gov.
2. Review the DS-2019 for accuracy, including your name, program of study, and program begin and end dates. Notify us immediately if any information is incorrect.
3. After you receive a Form DS-2019 from Moravian College, follow the U.S. Embassy/Consulate's instructions about how to apply for an J-1 student visa and how to schedule a visa interview. It is important to apply for your student visa as far in advance as possible since there may be a wait for an interview time. Students cannot apply for a visa more than 120 days before the program start date listed on the DS-2019 and they cannot travel to the U.S. more than 30 days before the program start date. Do not make any non-refundable travel plans until you receive your visa.

What to Bring to the Interview

1. A passport valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the U.S. Please be sure there are at least three empty pages in your passport. If needed, request additional pages prior to your visa interview.
2. Form DS-2019 (Remember to sign the form at the bottom of the page 1.)
3. Moravian College acceptance letter
4. Form DS-160 Nonimmigrant Visa Application form confirmation page
5. Receipt for the Form DS-160 Nonimmigrant Visa Application fee payment
6. Photo – you must bring one printed photo if your photo upload fails; photo requirements are listed online at travel.state.gov.
7. I-901 Payment Confirmation printed from the www.fmjfee.com website for confirmation of payment of the SEVIS fee
8. Financial evidence that shows you have sufficient funds to cover your tuition and living expenses during the period you intend to study in the U.S.
9. Any information that proves that you will return to your home country after finishing your studies in the U.S. This may include proof of property, family, or other ties to your community.
10. Remember to remain calm and answer all the Visa Officer's questions openly and honestly.

Additional Notes

1. Some countries may or may not be required to pay the Visa issuance fee. Please refer to the information at http://travel.state.gov/visa/fees/fees_3272.html and select your country to determine whether you are required to pay the Visa issuance fee.