Once admitted to Saint Leo University, international students must obtain a "Certificate of Eligibility for Non Immigrant F1 Students" from the nearest U.S. Embassy/Consulate.

**International students must take the following items to the U.S. Embassy/Consulate for an interview with an immigration officer:**

1. A valid passport (this should be valid for the entire period of the proposed course of study or renewable after at least one year.)
2. The letter of admission from Saint Leo University.
3. The I-20 form which we issue to those students who have been admitted and who have submitted to us the Certificate of Finances (formerly Financial Ability to Pay) form which shows that adequate funds are available to cover the tuition fees and living expenses for the entire duration of the intended course. The Certificate of Finances form should be endorsed by your parent’s/sponsor’s bank or corroborated with a separate statement from the bank.
4. A copy or copies of the Certificate of Finances (formerly Financial Ability to Pay) form and bank statements that were submitted to us.
5. A medical clearance based on a physical examination by a medical facility approved by the U.S. Embassy/Consulate. Copies of your shot records and the completed Health History Form showing all immunizations as indicated on the form. This is also required by Saint Leo University in order to register for classes.
6. Two (2) passport sized photographs.
8. A $140 Visa application processing fee, a $100.00 Machine Readable Visa (MRV) surcharge fee, and any Visa reciprocity fees that might be applicable. The application fee is nonrefundable in the event that the visa is denied.

9. **Verification of payment of the $200.00 SEVIS fee.** Payment must be received either by internet or by mail to the DHS address on the Form I-901 at least 3 business days before the scheduled visa interview. You can find out more about, and pay the SEVIS fee at [https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml](https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml).

Once you receive your appointment at the consulate or US Embassy, an U.S. Immigration Officer will then interview you to confirm:

1. That your purpose in coming to the United States is to remain only for the duration of a full course of study at Saint Leo University (the institution which issued the I-20 form).
2. That adequate funds are available for the entire duration of the proposed program of study in the United States.
3. That you will not be employed or engaged in business while in the United States without permission from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

You will be asked to sign a statement to this effect, including a promise to keep the USCIS informed on changes of address and transfers to other institutions.

Once you have been issued the F-1 student visa, you are ready to come to the US to study. **Please be sure to carry the documents above with you on the plane to the US.**

Have a safe trip!