

Escape Towns — Work & Travel in USA

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DOCUMENTS & REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ I-20 form — Issued by the university after admission & financial proof.
- ☐ SEVIS I-901 fee — Pay the SEVIS fee (\$350) before the interview.
- ☐ DS-160 application — Online visa application + confirmation page.
- ☐ Financial affidavit / bank statements (certified translation) — Proof of funds for the first year.
- ☐ Test scores — TOEFL/IELTS plus SAT/GRE/GMAT per program.
- ☐ Degree & transcripts (certified translation) — Certified English translations.

APPLICATION STEPS

- ☐ Confirm eligibility & program dates
- ☐ Prepare CV and required documents
- ☐ Secure a job offer / sponsor
- ☐ Complete sponsor paperwork
- ☐ Arrange insurance & travel
- ☐ Apply for the work & travel visa

FINANCE TO PREPARE

- ☐ Estimated living cost: \$1,600 / month
- ☐ SEVIS fee: \$350
- ☐ Visa fee (DS-160): \$185

VISA INTERVIEW PREP

- ☐ Practice: Why do you want to study in the USA?

- ☐ Practice: Why this university over others?
- ☐ Practice: Who is sponsoring your education?
- ☐ Practice: What are your plans after you complete your studies?

BEFORE YOU GO

- ☐ Book your flight (enter up to 30 days before I-20 start)
- ☐ Enrol in the university health plan
- ☐ Arrange housing

AFTER YOU ARRIVE

- ☐ Report to your DSO / international office
- ☐ Apply for an SSN (if working on campus)
- ☐ Open a US bank account
- ☐ Get a US SIM card

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