



Name _____ Grade _____

La Sierra Academy invites qualified international students (Grades 7-12 only) to apply for admission to La Sierra Academy. If the student meets the guidelines of both the school and the INS, he/she will be issued an I-20 Form and F-1 visa which will permit completion of junior high and/or high school in the United States.

La Sierra Academy wants to be sure that the prospective student will succeed as a student in the United States. Four important factors must be considered: 1) academic ability, 2) English language proficiency, 3) securing the documents for admission to La Sierra Academy.

Before You Application Can Be Considered:

I. Please secure the following documents:

A student's application will not be considered unless all of the following documents are provided.

___ a. Transcript of grades (translated into English and evaluated **ONLY** by **American Education Research Corp.** (See www.aerc-eval.com for information on application procedures and fees.) *(A GPA of 3.5 on the 4.0 scale or 8.5 on the 10-point scales is required.)*

___ b. Two (2) letters of recommendation: from the principal and a teacher who is able to assess the student's academic ability.

___ c. A copy of childhood immunization records, translated into English. Must include:
TB skin test of chest X-ray (negative report) within the past 12 months.
Chicken pox vaccination or proof of the disease.

___ d. Documented physical examination by a medical doctor within the past 12 months

___ e.. Proof of English Language Proficiency as follows:
A score on the TOEFL of at least 400 on the paper-based test or 150 on the computer-based test (See www.toefl.org for testing information and sites.). Please contact the Academic Vice-Principal for any exceptions to this requirement.

___ f. Proof of appropriate living accommodations preferably with a close relative or approved family).
(If a student is not living with a parent, a letter from the parent appointing the host family as guardian who will provide housing, food and transportation must be sent from the parents and a letter from the host family accepting and agreeing to these responsibilities must be sent.)

___ g. Documentation of financial resources to meet school and living expenses.

II. Make financial arrangements with the Academy Business Office. When paying for tuition you will be required to pay tuition in full for the year 2011-2012. If the student does not get accepted all funds will be returned except a **\$250** non-refundable application fee.

III. Fill out the Application Form and the Application Form for International Students and enclose a **\$250 non-refundable application fee**. If a student is accepted, this fee will be applied to the first month's tuition. *A student's application will not be considered unless all of the above documents are provided with the application.*

IV. Issuance of I-20. Preparation of the I-20 form is done by the La Sierra Academy Registrar. It is the Student/parent's responsibility to take the I-20 and any supporting documents required to the US Consular office final approval.