

New International Student Information: 2024-25

Congratulations on your admission to Saint Michael's College! As you consider your next steps, we hope you will find the following information helpful.

International Student Support

Saint Michael's College has been supporting international students since the 1950s. We will help you to succeed academically, socially, and personally, at Saint Michael's by providing the information and support you need both before you arrive and while you are here.

- A member of the St. Mike's community will pick you up from Burlington International Airport (BTV), bring you to campus, and help you get settled into your room.
- International students participate in International Student Orientation, which includes information on immigration, academics, computing, transportation, health services, setting up bank accounts, and a shopping trip.
- Non-native speakers of English will have access to support options through the SMC Writing Center and tutors.
- A dedicated international student advisor is available to help you understand the benefits and responsibilities of your F-1 status while at Saint Michael's, including immigration regulations, employment, tax obligations, banking, and applications for Social Security number and Vermont driver's licenses.

Immigration Documents

If you intend to enroll at Saint Michael's College on an F-1 student visa, you will need to send the following to us, if you have not done so already:

- Financial Certification (see below)
- A copy of your passport photo page

This information is required so we can issue your Form I-20, which you will need to obtain a US student visa. We encourage you to contact us at admission@smcvt.edu to begin this process as soon as you make your decision to attend Saint Michael's College.

If you are currently in the United States on an F-1 visa, you will also need to provide the name and contact information for your institution's Designated School Official (DSO) so that we can arrange to transfer your Form I-20 from your current institution to Saint Michael's College. You can find the I-20 Transfer Verification form online in your admission portal or [online](#).

I-20 Issuance/Financial Certification

If you need a student (F-1) visa, you must provide a statement from your bank or sponsor (dated within the last 6 months) showing you have sufficient funds to pay for all program and living expenses for one year in the US. Please review your personal ***Estimated Costs and I-20 Amount*** form posted in your admission portal for details about your individual I-20 amount.

Deposit

A \$500 deposit is required to register for classes and reserve housing. This amount is applied towards your tuition cost and is only refundable (minus \$100) if you are denied a visa by a US Embassy. Deposit payments can be made online through your admission portal or at: smcvt.edu/deposit.

Financial Aid

International students are automatically considered for merit scholarships. Merit scholarship amounts may be in your admission letter or in a separate mailing from the Saint Michael's Student Financial Services office. Please **do not** complete the FAFSA form. FAFSA is not applicable for non-US residents/citizens.

Questions?

You will find helpful information about visas, arrival, paying for your education, housing, and more on our [Enrollment & Arrival](#) webpage.