



## INTERNATIONAL COMMUTER STUDENT APPLICATION

### Mexican Nationals/Commuting from Mexico to the United States

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We appreciate your interest in Southwestern College. We are also pleased to provide you with the following information pertaining to our international student program.

Southwestern College is a two-year public community college located in Chula Vista, a suburb of San Diego, California. The college is approximately 15 kilometers east of the Pacific Ocean on a mesa above the Bonita Valley. The college provides post-secondary education and offers a wide variety of day and evening courses to assist students in achieving their educational needs.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Must apply a minimum of 1 month prior to beginning of term (*Please foresee that there may be delays when scheduling an appointment with the U.S. Consulate*).

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Students will be admitted for full semester, fast track (second eight-week session), or summer. NOTE: application must be submitted at least a month before session begins
- Students must declare an Associate Degree major. Students may not enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses
- Applicant must be a high school graduate equivalent to a U.S. high school graduation and have a 3.0 GPA. U.S. college transfer students must have 15 completed units with a 2.5 GPA.
- Applicants must present a minimum of 50 points on the Internet-based TOEFL test (IBT) or 5.5 on the IELTS. Additional TOEFL information may be obtained at the TOEFL website: [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl). IELTS information is at [ielts.org](http://ielts.org).
- Applicant must submit an affidavit of support

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Must verify permanent residence in Mexico (e.g.: driver's license, utility bill, voter registration).

Must declare an educational goal (select a major from academic program list)

Must verify affidavit of support for cost of tuition and other fees (\$8,735.00 per year)

Submit high school and/or college transcripts.

Must have TOEFL/IELTS scores mailed to Southwestern College

Submit 300-to-500-word personal statement listing educational goals and why you want to attend SWC. Submit a \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Must maintain residency in Mexico (not authorized to live in the U.S.)

#### Other Requirements

International Students are required to:

1. Attend a pre-registration orientation
2. Receive educational counseling prior to registration
3. Take the College Guidance Placement Tests
4. All International Students must become familiar with the regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and **assume responsibility** for complying with those regulations.

#### Academic Requirements:

1. Enroll in, **maintain and complete** a maximum of 11 units per semester
2. **Must** maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

## **COST**

- Tuition varies every semester. Refer to [swccd.edu/fees](http://swccd.edu/fees) for current fee listing.
- Students must purchase textbooks and other related instructional supplies.

### **APPROXIMATE EXPENSES PER YEAR (2 Semesters)**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>
Health Fee	\$ 38.00
Student Center Fee	\$ 10.00
Books, Supplies & Other	\$ 1,791.00
Non-Res. Tuition	\$ 5,654.00
Misc	\$ 1,242.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8735.00</b>

**\*NOTE:** *Required fees will vary depending on length of study. Please attach to your application financial proof covering the total amount indicated above. If you plan to attend various semesters, the total amount of all semesters should be reflected on the financial statement. (Example: If you plan to attend 4 semesters: \$8,735 x 2 years = \$17,470.00. Therefore, the required financial proof you must submit should be \$17,470.00)*

## **APPLICATION FEE**

Send a non-refundable fee of \$100 in a U.S. check or money order payable to Southwestern College. If you are admitted to the college, the \$100 fee will be applied toward your tuition and fees during the first semester of attendance.

## **ACCEPTANCE**

### **I-20 Form Issuance- Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-3) Student Status**

A Congratulations Letter and an Immigration Naturalization Service (INS) form I-20 will be sent to you after you have met all of the admissions requirements. To avoid delays in receiving your form I-20, please notify our office immediately if you have changed your mailing address since application.

Take your Form I-20 and valid passport to the United States Consulate in Tijuana to apply for an F1 visa (student visa). For applicants who already possess an F1 visa and an I-20 form from another institution, the International Student Advisor will instruct on how to complete your transfer to Southwestern College.

## **APPLICATION MAILING ADDRESS**

Please mail completed application, required documents, and the non-refundable \$100 application fee to the following address:

Southwestern Community College  
Admissions & Records  
900 Otay Lakes Road  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

## ORIENTATION

F1 students are required to attend a mandatory orientation and enrollment session. Orientation is scheduled approximately two to three weeks prior to the start of the semester. **Students are required to bring their I-20 form, passport, visa, and I-94 form.**

The following activities will occur during orientation:

- Completion of the College Admissions Application
- Discussion of immigration regulations
- Overview of the U.S. educational system
- Math and English assessment tests
- Course selection & registration

## CONTACT PERSONS

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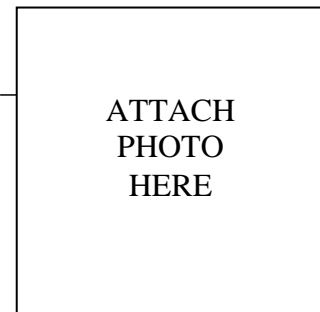


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### International Student Application

Spring Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Short Term Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Year Year

Number of Semesters you plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_



**Please print or type:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male  Female

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Initial Attendance  Continued Attendance  School Transfer  Former Student

I-94#/Admission # (If Transfer Student): \_\_\_\_\_ SEVIS# \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Driver's License#: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # or Tax Payer's I.D. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ #Street Address (Apt. #) City

\_\_\_\_\_ Country Zip

Phone # (including area/country code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Street Address City Country Zip Code

Education Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Southwestern College Expected date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR STUDENTS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES**

Date of last entry into the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Visa type (B2, F1, F2, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

If your visa status has changed, when was the change approved by INS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date your I-94 Expires \_\_\_\_\_

List institution(s) that issued you an I-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend that institution on an F-1 visa? \_\_\_\_\_ Date attended \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED FROM ALL UNITED STATES SCHOOLS ATTENDED**

List in chronological order all the schools and colleges that you have attended and all diplomas or certificates that you have earned.

List all years from first year of elementary or primary school (not kindergarten). If you are currently attending classes please indicate the exact month, day and year of current semester will end.

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND ALL COLLEGES ATTENDED.**

Attendance Dates: From            To Month/Year    Month/Year	Name of School and Country	Grades or Levels Completed	Certificates or Units/Diplomas/Degrees Received	Grade Point Average

**CERTIFICATION:** I declare under penalty of perjury that all information provided refers specifically to me and it is true and correct. I understand that falsification or withholding information requested on this form shall constitute grounds for dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize Southwestern Community College to release information about my application status, or enrollment status to the following people or institutions.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print or type:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
# Street Address City Country Zip Code Phone Number

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
# Street Address City Country Zip Code Phone Number



# SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

## CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Middle

You must submit proof that you have adequate financial support while you are attending Southwestern College. In lieu of completion of this **BANK CERTIFICATION**, you may attach an official English written letter from your bank or your current bank statement.

TOTAL APPROXIMATE COST: \$8,735.00 a year (including incidentals) in U.S. dollars, please show the amount of funds available for your first and second year at this college.

Source	First Year	Second Year
From family	\$ _____	\$ _____
From own savings	\$ _____	\$ _____
From sponsor or government	\$ _____	\$ _____
From other sources	\$ _____	\$ _____

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that I will be responsible for the financial support of the applicant as shown in the confidential statement above.

Name (Please Print)	Signature	Relationship	Amount in US\$
Address	State	Foreign Phone #	Local Phone #

### BANK CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read the information give by the applicant on this form. It is true and accurate and the Funds are available as indicated.

Name of Account Holder(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Funds available \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name
Last Name

Name of Account Holder(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name
Last Name

Name of Bank and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Official's Name and Title(printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE OFFICIAL STAMP/SEAL OF BANK HERE**

I certify that I have adequate funds as indicated above to pay for my studies while attending Southwestern College

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## International Commuter Student Transfer Clearance Verification

- This Transfer Clearance Verification must be submitted if you are currently attending a U.S. institution and will be transferring from to Southwestern College. Please have this form completed by the Designated School Official (DSO) at the school that you are currently attending/last attended.
- Official transcripts from current and prior U.S. institutions attended. **(Must be mailed directly to SWC)**
- Copies of your current immigration status (Valid documentation: valid passport, visa, I-94 (front & back) & all I-20 copies).

Name of Student _____		
First	Middle	Last
Date of Birth _____		Dates of Attendance _____
Month/Date/Year		
Did Student Maintain a full-time Status? _____		
Does Student have Any Financial Obligation to Your School? _____		
Is the Student in good academic standing? _____		
Is the Student welcome to continue at your school? _____		
Type of Program Studied (ESL, Academic, Voc ,Etc.) _____		
Major Course of Study _____		Number of Units Completed _____
Was the student granted Optional Practical Training while enrolled at your institution? Yes _____ No _____		
If yes, please specify. From (date) _____ to (date) _____		
Name of School _____		INS School Number _____
Designated School Official _____		
Title _____		
Signature of Designated School Official _____		Date _____
School Seal/Stamp		