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Dear International Student (non-US citizens):

Thank you for your interest in Mount Vernon Nazarene University. I am committed to helping you through the application process for admission to MVNU, an accredited Christian liberal arts university with an enrollment of over 2,300 students. We have over 85 academic tracks of study, including undergraduate and graduate degrees. MVNU believes its distinct mission as an institution is to **train servant leaders for the 21st century!**

I would like to make you aware of the following requirements to gain admission to MVNU as an international student:

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

PHASE ONE

Students who are not citizens of the United States of America who desire admission to Mount Vernon Nazarene University must complete the regular admission process with additional provisions:

1. The prospective student must complete and return the application packet to the University's Admissions Office by **May 1 for fall enrollment or October 1 for spring enrollment**. This packet includes:
 - A completed university application
 - One character reference form
 - Completed Medical History Record (back of form requires signature of doctor or Health Care Provider)
 - High school and college transcripts
2. International students must have their secondary school (or equivalent) and university transcripts evaluated by the following independent evaluation service and mail official transcripts and evaluation results to the Admissions Office:

Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE)
PO Box 514070
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470 USA
Telephone: 414-289-3400
Email: eval@ece.org
Website: <http://www.ece.org>

3. Each international student must furnish the University with evidence of the ability to finance an education by completing the International student Certification of Finances form and International Student Financial Aid Application. **Upon verification of funds, an initial deposit of \$500 must be submitted** that will be held in the student's account at the university throughout their enrollment at the university. Securing finances is the responsibility of the student, and international students are often sponsored by their family, friends, or a host church or family. International students do not qualify for U.S. federally-sponsored financial aid, but a limited amount of academic, church-related, and international student scholarship is available.
4. Once the above steps have been completed, the university will issue an I-20 form for the students to use in obtaining an F-1 visa. Students who are citizens of a country other than the United States of America (USA) must hold the F-1 visa in order to register for classes and enroll at the University. Persons who have entered the United States on a visitor's visa must convert it to an F-1 visa before the University will consider admission. International students on academic or disciplinary probation or dismissal at another university are not considered for admission.
5. International students who have not taken the ACT or SAT and had an official score report sent directly to the University must take either test before classes begin.
6. **Applicants from countries and US territories in which English is not the primary language must also provide recent evident of proficiency in English by:**
 - a. Scoring 550 or above on the written TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with subscores in writing and reading of at least **OR**
 - b. Scoring 80 or above on the Internet-based TOEFL with subscores in writing, reading and listening of at least **20 OR**

- c. Scoring 110 or above on the ELS (English Language Studies) proficiency examination. All tests of English proficiency must have been taken in the last two years to be considered for acceptance. An official score report must be mailed directly to the Admissions Office.

PHASE TWO

1. The student will be notified if a decision for acceptance is rendered, and a financial aid decision has been made. The student must complete and return the International Student Certification of Finances Form to demonstrate the ability to pay for their education beyond what is covered by financial aid. **The cost of education at MVNU is \$29,770 US dollars for the academic year 2012-2013.** The school typically sees a 3-5% increase between years. Cost includes housing, food and tuition. It does not include travel and books. We recommend setting aside an additional \$4,000 for travel and books while on campus.
2. After the I-20 is issued and a visa is obtained, the student can register for classes and participate in student orientation.

PHASE THREE

The SEVIS fee is US\$ 200. This fee is separate from and in addition to the visa application fee. The SEVIS fee must be paid by the Internet or by mail. It cannot be paid at a U.S. embassy or consulate and it cannot be paid at port of entry.

The fee can be paid by one of two means:

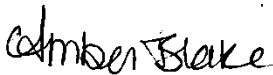
1. Electronically, by completing a form I-901 through the Internet (www.FMJfee.com) and using a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express credit card.
2. By mail, by submitting Form I-901, Fee remittance for Certain F, J, and M Nonimmigrant, together with a check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. currency. Sources for such checks and money orders include banks chartered or operated in the U.S., foreign subsidiaries of U.S. banks, or foreign banks that have an arrangement with a U.S. bank to issue a check, money order, or foreign draft that is drawn on a U.S. bank.

A third party such as a friend, family member, or other interested party can pay the fee on your behalf through the same means described above.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU) has a Multicultural Affairs Office and an Academic Support Services Office. These offices provide special support to assist you in succeeding as you pursue your degree at MVNU.

Please review and implement above information and requests immediately. We trust you will seek God's direction in your life as you make plans to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University for a Christian college education. If the above referenced requirements are met, we would enjoy welcoming you as a student at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Sincerely yours,



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