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Dear International Student:

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 80 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

The following MVNU documents must be completed and returned:

1. Your completed university application.
2. One academic reference form and one character reference form
3. Your completed Medical History Record (back of form requires signature of doctor or Health Care Provider).
4. Your official high school transcript (the official transcript must be accompanied by exact English translations, notarized copies by a Public Notary are not acceptable).
5. **All official secondary (high school) and/or College/University transcripts must be sent to AACRAO for translation and evaluation.**

Please utilize the following address for AACRAO:

AACRAO Foreign Educational Credential Service
One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 520
Washington, DC 20036 USA

Tel: (202) 293-9161 Fax: (202) 872-8857 Email: info@aacrao.org

6. **ALL international students from countries where English is not the primary language must provide evidence of proficiency in English by:**

- a. Scoring 500 or above on the paper TOEFL or 61 on the internet based (iBT) TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) taken within the last two years.

OR

- b. Scoring 17 or above on the ELS (English Language Studies) proficiency exam taken in the last two years.

NOTE: An *OFFICIAL TOEFL* or *OFFICIAL ELS* report must be mailed directly to Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Admissions Office.

7. The ACT (American College Test) or SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) score report should be sent directly to the university from the testing agency. Copies of score reports are not acceptable.
8. Completion of the College Board International Student Financial Aid Application.

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 **\$23,500 US dollars** for the academic year 2007-2008.
 - a. One full year's tuition and general fees is **\$18,064**.
 - b. The cost for one full year's room and board is **\$2,954**.
 - c. Other fees including health care, book allowance and other charges are **\$2,482**.
2. **Upon acceptance and verification of funds, the student must submit a money deposit of \$1000 US dollars that will be held in the students MVNU account until they leave. Once all steps to admission are completed successfully, Mount Vernon Nazarene University will issue an I-20 form for the student to obtain a F-1 student visa. 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\$ 100. 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."

DEADLINE

The prospective student must complete and return the application packet to the University's Office of Admissions by May 1 for fall enrollment or October 1 for spring enrollment.

1. Applications must be submitted at least four (4) months prior to the beginning of the semester you wish to begin. Also, both your academic and your character references, a final official high school transcript, and any official college/university transcripts must be included and enclosed with your university application form. NOTE: All transcripts must be evaluated in English.
2. Individuals granted a F-1 VISA (non-immigrant student status) can register for classes.
3. Students who are on academic probation at another college or who have been dismissed by another college for either academic or disciplinary reasons **will not** be considered for admission.
4. International students from countries where English is not the primary language will be enrolled in a preparatory English course, unless waived by our Modern Languages Department, English Department or Registrar.
5. International students from countries where English is the primary language need to take the SAT or American College Test (ACT) assessment examination, which is offered at our *New Student Orientation* sessions each summer and before classes begin in the Fall. These students may be required to take a preparatory English course as well.

International students at MVNU are typically sponsored by their own family, friends, or by a host family. International students who are not United States permanent residents do not qualify for U. S. Federal financial aid. Securing finances is the responsibility of the student, however, MVNU does offer academic, church related and international student scholarships.

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,

Elizabeth Warren
Multicultural Admissions Counselor