



GRACE ACADEMY

International Student Admissions Application

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

At Grace Academy, we welcome students who are interested in quality Christian education that will prepare them for university. Within the mission of Grace Academy, the purpose of the International Student Program (ISP) is to impact students by moving them toward knowledge, wisdom, and English language proficiency. We accomplish this through educating from a biblical worldview and supporting international students academically, spiritually and culturally.

“Educating for life, impacting for eternity”

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International Student Application Checklist

Please include all documents on the checklist. Make sure they are complete, including original signatures and correct dates.

STUDENT INFORMATION

- Personal information pages**
- Student Essays:** must be hand-written or typed by the student in English
- Parent/Legal Guardian Essays:** to be written or typed by student's parents and/or guardians in English (or translated into English)
- Photos with captions**
- Non-refundable \$275 application processing fee**

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- Copy of student passport:** photo and signature pages
- Verification of funds:** verifies there are appropriate funds for the family to pay tuition and fees
- Student Agreement:** read, sign, and date
- Parent/Legal Guardian Agreement:** read, sign and date
- Liability release:** read, sign, and date

MEDICAL RELEASE AND FORMS

- Authorization for Medical Care**
- Medical Information form**
- Dental Information form**
- Washington Certificate of Immunization:** required by the state of Washington for all students

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- Official school transcript:** This must be an official, signed copy of their current transcript from their home country. It must also be translated in English.
- Transcript Translation document:** Completed by the student's current school and must include the American Grading System conversion.
- English Proficiency Assessment:** We require a formal English test that includes reading, writing, listening, and speaking components. iTEP is recommended by Grace Academy.

REFERENCES

- English Teacher Recommendation:** completed, signed, and dated by student's English teacher or tutor.
- Math Teacher Recommendation:** completed, signed, and dated by student's math teacher or tutor.
- Personal Reference:** completed, signed, and dated by a personal reference (cannot be completed by the parents)

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Enrollment Checklist

Once the student has completed the application, the next step is enrollment and receiving an I-20 form from the school.

- Interview:** Student and family interview scheduled when the application and supporting documents are completed.
- Complete Online Enrollment through school portal:** Once the student is accepted, the family will receive access to the school's online portal to enroll for Grace Academy.
- Issue I-20 Form:** After student has officially enrolled, Grace Academy will issue an I-20 document. It is the family and/or sending agency's responsibility to secure an appointment with the Embassy or Consulate for an interview and issuing of F1 Visa.
- Pay Tuition & Fees:** This must be paid before student begins classes for the semester.

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Instructions

Please read all directions on each page carefully before completing this form.

If the school accepts you, this form and any supplement(s) will serve as your introduction to the people who will host you.

Filling Out Your Application

Your application must be legible and written in English, using proper grammar and spelling. Answer all questions completely; do not simply write “same” or “see above” or “see previous.” Enter your information directly on the application unless directed otherwise.

Whenever the application asks for your name, enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport or birth certificate. Write your full name at the top of all application pages.

All dates should be written in the following format: month/day/year.

Copies and Signatures

You will need to submit one copy of this application form. (You may also wish to make a copy for your own records.) Make sure to sign each section appropriately. All photographs should be originals or good-quality color copies.

Questions

If you have any questions about this application, please contact Natelle Austin at naustin@graceacademy.net.

Submitting the Application

You may scan and submit your application via email to naustin@graceacademy.net.

You may also send the application by mail to:

**International Student Admissions, Grace Academy,
8621 67th Ave. NE, Marysville, WA 98270.**

You may send the application by fax to: **360-653-5899.**

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Student Information

Student—Before you begin filling out your application, read all instructions on the opening page.

Submit a good-quality color photo of your head and shoulders with this application. For hard-copy submission, affix a recent photo of yourself below. (Size 2 x 2 1/2 in. or 5 x 6.5 cm.).

Date of Application ____ / ____ / _____
MONTH / DAY / YEAR

1. Student

Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport or birth certificate)

Name/Surname Given Name Middle Name

Preferred or English Name _____ Gender: Male or Female

Home Address—Street/Apartment _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____

Student's Email _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / _____ Place of Birth—City _____
MONTH / DAY / YEAR

State/Province _____ Country _____

Student Ethnicity: _____

Citizen of (Country) _____ Passport Number _____

Place of Issue _____ Date of Issue _____ Date of Expiry _____

Primary Language Spoken at home _____

How did you hear about us? _____

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Student Information (continued)

2. Parents/Legal Guardians

First Parent/Legal Guardian _____ **Gender:** Male or Female

Relationship to applicant: _____

Custodial rights: ___ yes ___ no Financial responsibility: ___yes ___ no

Receive correspondence: ___ yes ___ no Marital status: _____

Address—Street/Apt. _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Second Parent/Legal Guardian _____ **Gender:** Male or Female

Relationship to applicant: _____

Custodial rights: ___ yes ___ no Financial responsibility: ___yes ___ no

Receive correspondence: ___ yes ___ no Marital status: _____

Address—Street/Apt. _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

3. Siblings

Name	Gender	Age	Occupation	Living at Home?

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Student Information (continued)

4. School

You must attach a transcript of courses you have completed during the last two years and the Transcript Translation form completed by a school official including the grades and number of hours per week you had each class to ensure credit transfer.

Most recent school attended: _____

Attended from: ___ / ___ to ___ / ___
MONTH / YEAR MONTH / YEAR

Second most recent school attended: _____

Attended from: ___ / ___ to ___ / ___
MONTH / YEAR MONTH / YEAR

Your Current Grade Level: _____ Year You will Finish Secondary School: _____

Do you wish to graduate from your host school? ___Yes ___No ___Undecided

(Graduation is not guaranteed to any international student.)

5. Language

How many years have you, the applicant, studied English in school? _____

Please indicate your listening, speaking, reading and writing English proficiency:

Listening: ___ poor ___ fair ___ good ___ very good ___ excellent

Speaking: ___ poor ___ fair ___ good ___ very good ___ excellent

Reading: ___ poor ___ fair ___ good ___ very good ___ excellent

Writing: ___ poor ___ fair ___ good ___ very good ___ excellent

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7. Personal Background

Do you have any dietary restrictions? ___Yes ___No if yes, please explain (e.g. vegetarian, food allergies, diabetic, etc.)

Are you allergic to any animals? ___Yes ___No If yes, which animals? _____

Are you allergic to any medications? ___Yes ___No If yes, which medications?

Are you taking any medications? ___Yes ___No If yes, list medications (s) and reason for taking.

Do you smoke? ___Yes ___No If yes, please explain. _____

Do you drink alcohol? ___Yes ___No If yes please explain. _____

Have you ever been involved with illegal drugs? ___Yes ___No If yes please explain.

Have you ever been arrested or detained by law enforcement officers? ___Yes ___No if yes, please explain:

8. Activities and Interests Check any activity in which you are interested (check no more than six). Please note: Athletic eligibility or participation is not guaranteed.

Activities & Clubs

Hiking	Computers	Robotics	Community Service
Cooking	Foreign Language	History	Reading
Creative Writing	Student Leadership	National Honor Society	Travel

Fine & Performing Arts

Band	Choir	Digital Art
Theater	Production and Set Design	Drawing

Sports

Soccer	Volleyball (girls only)	Cross Country
Golf	Track	Basketball

Please list any other specific interests hobbies, or activities that you enjoy.

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Do you play in a band or orchestra? Yes No If yes, what instrument(s)? _____

Do you participate in any competitive sports? Yes No If yes, what sport(s)? _____

Do you have any pets? Yes No If yes, what are they? _____

Would you be willing to live with a host family that has pets living in the home? Yes No

List the household tasks for which you are responsible at home. _____

Would you be willing to contribute to the life of your host family by taking part in household tasks? Yes No

What is your religious affiliation? _____

Do you attend church? Yes No If yes, how often? _____

Are you active in any church groups? Yes No If yes, what are they?

Church attendance with your host family will be a required part of your experience. Are you willing to attend church with your host family? Yes No

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Student Information – Student's Essays

Student: *In your own words, respond to the following essay questions, introducing yourself to your future host family and school. Keep in mind that this will be their first impression of you. Provide as much detail as possible. These essays must be written in English and signed by the student.*

1. Describe yourself. Please include the following answers in your essay:

- Introduce yourself and your family (what are their names, ages, and occupations)?
- Describe yourself. What is your personality like? How would your friends and family describe you?
- What activities and hobbies do you have outside of school?

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2. Values and Beliefs. Describe the role of faith and/or religious practices or beliefs in your family.

- Do you and your family attend church or religious services regularly? How do you participate?
- How do you and your family feel about learning about Christianity in the context of a Christian school and host family?

3. Describe your school life. Be sure to address the following questions in your answer:

- Tell us about a typical day at school. How many subjects do you take? What is your daily schedule at school?
- What is your strongest and weakest subject in school?
- What are your goals for your education? Would you like to attend university? If so, where?

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4. Travel and Culture: Discuss your past travel and cultural experiences. Be sure to address:

- What experiences have you had with different people or culture? Where have you traveled?
- How will you share your culture with your school and host family?
- Why are you interested in studying in the US? Why are you interested in Grace Academy?

5. Describe an important experience in your life. Be sure to address the questions in your response:

- What was the experience and what did you learn from it?
- Why is this experience important to you?

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

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3. What goals do you have for your child during their high school years? What do expect from Grace Academy during your child's high school years?

4. Please explain why you want your child to study abroad and attend our school?

Parent's/Legal Guardians' Signature(s):

_____ **Date:** _____

_____ **Date:** _____

Applicant's Name _____

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Legal Documents

Student Agreement

Student: *Please read carefully. Then sign and date below where indicated.*

In the city of _____, country of _____, on the _____ day of _____

In the year 20____, I _____, the student, agree that if I am accepted by Grace Academy, I will travel to the host country, live with an approved host family, attend the school for the length of time agreed upon by my parents, the school, and me. I hereby state that I have read and understand the school and international student program (ISP) rules and conditions. Should I, as a student, be admitted to and enrolled in the school, I agree to abide by all the school and ISP rules, conditions, and decisions throughout the duration of my enrollment in the school. I understand that while a student in the school my activities are under the authority of the school. Therefore, my parents/legal guardians cannot authorize me to engage in an activity or activities without the school's approval. I also understand that any relatives that I may have in the host country will have no authority over me while I am a student in the school.

I attest that I am of good health and character, I understand the important role of an international student, and I will, to the best of my ability, maintain the high standards required of an international student should I be chosen to represent my family, school, community, state/province, and country. I further state that all the material contained in this application and in the attached documents is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Parent/Legal Guardians Agreement

Parents/Legal Guardians: *Please read this agreement carefully. Then sign and date below where indicated.*

In the city of _____, country of _____, on the ____ day of ____

In the year 20 ____ I/We, the undersigned parents/legal guardians (hereafter parents) of _____ agree that if my/our child is accepted by Grace Academy, my/our child is permitted to travel to the host country, live with an approved host family, and attend the school for the length of time agreed upon by me/us, my our child, and the school.

I/We hereby state that we have read and understood the school and international student program (ISP) rules and conditions. Should my/our son/ daughter be admitted to and enrolled in the school, I/we agree to abide by all the school and ISP rules, conditions, and decisions throughout the duration of his/her enrollment in the school. I/We understand that while our son/daughter is a student in the school his/her activities will be under the authority of the school. Therefore, I/we understand that I/we cannot authorize my/our son/daughter to engage in an activity or activities without the school's approval. I/We also agree that any relatives we may have in the host country will have no authority over him/her while he/she is a student in the school.

I/We attest that our child is of good health and character, understands the important role of an international student, and will, to the best of his/her ability, maintain the high standards required of an international student should he/she be chosen to represent his/her family, school, community, state/province, and country. I/We further state that all the material contained in this application and in the attached documents is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

Father's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature _____ Date _____

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature _____ Date _____

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Liability Release

Please read carefully. Then sign and date below where indicated.

In consideration of the acceptance and enrollment of the student in Grace Academy, I/we, the undersigned parents/legal guardians of the student, and I, the student, if of legal age, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify all host parents and members of their families and the school and its employees, agents, officers, and directors from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury, or death, including any such liability that may arise out of any negligent act or omission, excepting intentional conduct, of any such persons or entities, which may be suffered or claimed by such student, parent, or legal guardian during, or as a result of, the student's enrollment in the school, including travel to and from the host country.

I/We understand that the student will be subject to the authorities and teachers of the school, and that he/she will have to follow the rules given by his/her host family. I/We also understand that the school reserves the right to terminate the enrollment any student whose conduct may be considered detrimental or incompatible with the interests and security of the school and its International Student Program (ISP). I/We understand that if this occurs, any refund will be at the discretion of the school.

Father's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature (mandatory if student is under age 18)

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature (mandatory if student is under age 18)

Student's Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____