INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

International students are required to submit the same credentials as domestic applicants. All documents must be submitted in English. If the credentials must be translated, the original copy (or a certified copy of the original) must be submitted along with the translation. All transcripts must be officially certified and sent directly by the educational institution or certified by the appropriate embassy. Photocopies will not be accepted.

The following information is required of all international applicants:

- A complete international student application.
- An official copy of secondary/high school record, indicating grades earned with certified translations of any non-English records. Applicants must have these documents translated and evaluated to U.S. standards through a credential evaluating agency. Agencies may be found on the web at the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (http://www.naces.org) (NACES).
- Official copies of all college/university coursework, indicating grades earned with official explanation of grading system. Applicants must have these documents translated and evaluated to U.S. standards through an acceptable credential evaluating agency. Agencies may be found on the web at the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (http://www.naces.org) (NACES).
- Transfer applicants currently enrolled at another U.S. college or university must submit: a completed “I-20 Transfer Request Form” signed by your current college/university and current transcript indicating completed courses and those in progress.
- Copy of passport. If currently in the U.S., copy of current visa.

STUDENT VISAS

The issuance of certificates for student visas (INS Form I-20 A-B, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student-For Academic and Language Students or Form I-20M-N, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (M-1) Student Status for Vocational Students) will not be given until all of the above items have been received and the applicant has been accepted to the college.

To avoid delays in processing your application, please complete all items required in a typed format or legible handwriting; make sure the name on your application matches the names on your transcripts; and provide all required documentation prior to the deadline.

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

May 15 for the fall (September) semester or September 15 for the spring (January) semester. Late applicants may be considered at the discretion of the Dean. Students interested in entrance after established deadlines should contact the Admissions Office at 978-630-9110 or admissions@mwcc.edu

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

All international applicants from countries where the primary language is not English are required to submit proof of proficiency in the English language. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are accepted. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid two years from the application deadline of the term to which the student applies. Original TOEFL or IELTS score reports must be sent directly from the testing agency to MWCC.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): A minimum score of 500 on the paper-based exam, or a minimum score of 173 on the computer-based exam, or a minimum score of 61 on the internet-based exam are required. For more information on TOEFL testing, contact the TOEFL Educational Testing Service (http://www.ets.org/toefl).

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): A minimum score of 5.0 is required. For more information on IELTS testing, contact the International English Language Testing System (http://www.ielts.org).

TOEFL or IELTS scores will not be required from an international applicant if (1) English is the native language of the applicant’s country of citizenship, or (2) the applicant has successfully completed at least one full semester of English Composition (not developmental or remedial) at a United States college or university and received a grade of “C” or better, which is confirmed by an official transcript.
AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial assistance from MWCC is not available to international students. For general information about financial assistance, students may request the booklet “Financial Planning for Study in the United States” from the U.S. Information Agency, or the bi-national advising center in their home country. International students pay the same tuition and fees as out-of-state domestic students. Please consult the college’s website (http://catalog.mwcc.edu/costofattendanceandpaymentoptions) for current out-of-state/international student rates for the academic year for which you are applying. The expenses listed below do not include travel expenses to and from Massachusetts and are considered reasonable minimum estimates for students. If a student is accompanied by family members, add $5,250 for spouse and $3,000 for each child. This estimate represents the amount you will be asked to prove you have available when you apply for a visa.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR (U.S. DOLLARS)

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Before MWCC Admissions can issue the Form I-20 for use by applicants in obtaining a visa, it must have proof that applicants have sufficient funds to study for one year with a reasonable expectation that the funding will continue for the full course of study. The information requested on the Affidavit of Support and Financial Statement is required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and by U.S. consulates to ensure the financial stability of persons admitted to the U.S. as students. You should not plan on supplementing your financial support with employment because there are very strict limitations on the employment of international students in the U.S. The financial statement must be accompanied by supporting evidence, such as original copies of: notarized bank statements in the applicant’s name; a scholarship award letter from a foundation, agency, or government; a notarized letter from an individual sponsor indicating the intention to provide support for the specified amount, which must be accompanied by a bank statement showing the ability to do so. We recommend that you retain duplicate copies of the financial statement and supporting evidence to facilitate your dealings with the U.S. consulate and/or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service).

SEVIS FEE

The SEVIS fee is required of all foreign nationals who come to the United States for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study in institutions such as colleges, universities, and language training programs. The $200 fee is payable one time for each single educational program in which an F-1 or F-3 student participates, extending from the time the student is granted F-1 or F-3 status to the time the student falls out of status, changes status, or departs the U.S. for an extended period of time. The fee went into effect on September 1, 2004. SEVIS fee payments will be used by the United States Department of Homeland Security to fund the Student and Exchange Visitor Program. This program makes it possible for international students and exchange visitors to attend schools in the United States. The fee also funds the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), a computer system employed to track international students and exchange visitors during their stays in the United States. For more information, please visit the SEVIS I-901 Fee Processing Website (https://www.fmjfee.com).