

Cecil College Admissions Procedures

For International Students Seeking F-1 Student Visas

New F-1 Applicants

New F-1 applicants must complete and/or submit the following documents to obtain the Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) student status, I-20 form:

1. Cecil College Admissions Application.
2. Original or certified copy of high school transcript (including verification of graduation) and transcript(s) from colleges(s) attended in any country. Transcripts should be accompanied by an English translation and certified by a recognized authority. Students seeking advanced standing for college or university course work completed outside of the United States will need to request a full course-by-course evaluation of their transcripts(s).

The College requires foreign transcripts be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) at www.wes.org or by Educational Credential Evaluators at www.ece.org

3. Applicants applying from outside of the United States must provide an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score report of a minimum of 500 on the paper-based test, a minimum of 173 on the computer-based version, or a minimum of 61 on the internet-based version. TOEFL examination dates and information may be obtained through the American Consulate or Embassy, or e-mail toefl@ets.org. Results will be reported to Cecil College by indicating the college's institutional code, 5038. In addition to TOEFL, the College's skills assessments will be required of all new international students prior to registration for classes.

The TOEFL is not required if English is the applicant's first language or a course equivalent to Freshman Composition, EGL 101, has been successfully completed with a grade of "C" or higher in a U.S. college or university.

Applicants educated in these countries are exempt from the English competency test requirement.

Antigua	Ghana	New Zealand	Swaziland
Australia	Grenade	Nigeria	Trinidad & Tobago
Bahamas	Guyana	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Belize	Ireland	Philippines	West Indies
Bermuda	Jamaica	Scotland	Western Samoa
Botswana	Kenya	Sierra Leone	Zambia
British Virgin Islands	Lesotho	Solomon Islands	Zimbabwe
Canada (except Quebec)	Liberia	South Africa	
Cayman Islands	Malawi	Sri Lanka	
Dominica	Malta	St. Christopher	
England	Mauritius	St. Kitts	
Fiji	Natal	St. Lucia	
Gambia	New Zealand	St. Vincent	

4. Notarized Declaration of Financial Support form and notarized Financial Statement from Financial sponsor(s) on bank letterhead that confirms a minimum of \$16,000.00 (US dollars) is currently available for the student's educational expenses. The statement must be in English, show equivalency to U.S. currency and not be older than three (3) months from the date of receipt of all required documents to Cecil College.

Students accompanied by their family must provide an additional \$3,000.00 for their spouse and \$1,500.00 for each child. Students planning to bring family members must inform the College on separate paper of the individual's full name, birth date, country of birth and relationship to the student. The financial sponsor(s) must provide the necessary funding required for each family member.

5. Prospective International Student's Certification of Financial Support.
6. Declaration of Sponsor's Financial Support for International Students.
7. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-134.
8. Health insurance is important and highly recommended, since medical services in the United States are very expensive. For more information, you may contact International Student Insurance at www.internationalstudentinsurance.com

Transfer F-1 Applicants

F-1 students seeking to transfer to Cecil College from another institution in the United States must follow the same procedures and submit the same documents as new F-1 applicants including the following:

1. An official transcript(s) from each college attended.
2. Copy of United States visa, I-94 card and passport page.
3. Release from SEVIS from the most recently attended United States institution which indicates eligibility to transfer.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

To meet federal requirements and allow adequate processing of applications, all documents must be sent to the Director of Records and Registration at Cecil College by the dates listed below:

	<i>New Students</i>	<i>Transfer Students</i>
Fall enrollment	July 1	July 15
Spring enrollment	November 15	December 1
Summer enrollment	April 1	May 1

Additional Information: Nonimmigrant students are subject to out-of-state tuition rates. Students with an F-1 visa must enroll for a full-time course of study, which is a minimum of 12 credit hours for each term/semester. It is highly recommended that a student register for at least 15 credits a semester so that the degree may be completed within the I-20 completion date.

Review of Documents

Admission and eligibility for the I-20 will be determined by the Director of Records and Registration after documents are received and reviewed. Individuals who are applying outside the U.S. must present the I-20 form and evidence of financial support to the nearest American Consulate or Embassy.

Applicants transferring from another college or university within the U.S., who meet all requirements to Cecil College, will be issued an acceptance letter and an I-20 form after being released in SEVIS by their previously attended college. To complete the transfer process, applicants will need to meet with the Director of Records and Registration to register for classes.

The American Consulate or Embassy and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, not the college, makes the final decision on granting the F-1 student visa. A student with an F-1 visa is required to enroll full-time for a minimum of twelve (12 credit hours) during the fall and spring semesters and will be charged the out-of-state tuition rate. Students will be expected to continue to pay for all expenses including tuition, fees, books, transportation, housing, and food for the duration of their studies at Cecil College. Tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration.