

INVITING A VISITOR (B1/B2)

If you wish to have someone who is not a resident of the U.S. visit you while you are attending Alabama A&M University, you will need to submit the following to the person prior to their visa appointment:

1. An invitation letter from you requesting that they visit (see example below);
2. A Certification of Enrollment Letter from the Office of the Registrar if you will be enrolled in classes during their visit;
3. If the visitor is coming to see you graduate, then print information from the commencement website about the graduation ceremony (dates);
4. If you are in the U.S. as non-immigrant include a copy of your I-20, DS2019, I-797 notice of action or other immigration documents;

In addition, the person who is applying for the B visa must have sufficient funds to cover the costs of their travel and expenses, their foreign residence and substantial ties to the foreign residence (included, but not limited to, property ownership, employment, family ties, re-2(ov,)-e12 792 re 51 -9(ou)-4

Sample Budget for Inviting B1/B2 visitor

Estimated Expense (per month) or for period of stay:

Housing _____

Food _____

Transportation/car _____

Insurance _____

Miscellaneous _____

Total Expenses _____

Approximate income or financial support:

Family support _____

Income from other on-campus
employment _____

Other _____

Total Financial Support _____

Points to Remember when Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa

1) **Ties to the Home Country:** Under U.S. law, all applicants for nonimmigrant visas are viewed as intending immigrants and have the burden to convince the consular officer that they are not. You must therefore be able to show that you have reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the United States. "Ties" to your home country are the things that bind you to your hometown, homeland, or current place of residence: job, family, financial prospects that you own or

accompanying F2 visa, be aware that F2 dependents cannot, under any circumstances, be employed in the United States. If asked, be prepared to address what your spouse intends to do with his or her time while in the United States. Volunteer work is a permitted activity.

8) Dependents Remaining at Home: If your spouse and children are remaining behind in your country, be prepared to address how they will support themselves in your absence. This can be an especially tricky area if you are the primary source of income for your family. If the consular officer gains the impression that your family members will need you to remit money from the United States in order to support them, your student visa application will almost certainly be denied. If your family does decide to join you at a later time, it is helpful to have them apply at the same post where you applied for your visa.

Common Forms/Documents/Items Required for Visa Application

- Visa application form obtained from the U.S. Embassy/Consulate visa application fee; amount will vary according to the country;
- Proof of \$200 SEVIS I-901 fee payment (if the I-20 was issued for initial attendance);
- Immigration forms I-20 or DS-2019;
- Letter of admission to Alabama A&M University;
- Copy of TOEFL score as required by Alabama A&M University for non-native English speakers;
- Proof of finances and/or proof of assistantship award if you have one;
- Photographs for visa;
- Valid passport (minimum 6 months validity);
- Previous school transcripts, diplomas or records (not always required);
- Documents to support non-immigrant intent.