

FRENCH STUDENT VISA CHECKLIST FOR INDIVIDUAL VISA APPOINTMENT

The list is a non-exhaustive checklist and is meant as a guide to help you begin collecting documents. Carefully review the list of required documents provided in your France-Visas account. We recommend PRINTING the list of required documents provided by France-Visas so you can refer to it and cross-reference it with this list. Requirements are subject to change, so the France-Visas list is always the most up to date!

☐ Visa processing and appointment fees in exact cash (change will not be given) or credit/debit card (Visa and Mastercard only). Please check the [France-Visas website](#) for the exact amount as it can sometimes change.

☐ France-Visas Long Stay Visa application form and France-visas receipt. You should be able to print these forms after completing the France-Visas application. Print TWO copies of each!!

☐ Two passport ID-style photos - you can have these taken at CVS, Walgreens, a post office, etc. One should be affixed with a paperclip to the completed visa application form.

****These are separate from the passport ID photos required for your API application**

☐ Your passport with an expiration of a minimum of 6 months beyond the program end date. Your passport should be issued within the last 10 years and needs to have at least 2 consecutive blank pages. You will leave your passport at the application center as part of your visa application, so you will not be able to travel internationally until you receive your passport back with the visa inside.

**If you are not a US citizen, you must provide the following in addition to your passport: Photocopy of the pages containing your personal data plus proof of legal presence in the United States (green card, visa, I-20, etc.).*

☐ A color copy of your passport page that has your personal data - the main ID page with your photo!

☐ Proof of enrollment: You should bring your official university enrollment letter (emailed in your visa packet from API)

☐ Etudes en France (EEF) pre-registration certificate. This PDF is generated when Campus France has processed your EEF application. From the Welcome page in your EEF account, click on your application tab (either 'Not Yet Accepted' or 'Already Accepted' depending on your application type), and click on 1 – Finalize the procedure. The PDF icon will be under the « Select a Program » section.

☐ Campus France confirmation email.

☐ Proof of accommodation (emailed in your visa packet from API).

☐ An original AND copy of a document showing sufficient means of financial support. This will show that you have access to at least 877.50 euros per month while you'll be living in France. Due to changes in exchange rates, we recommend using the current USD conversion of 877.50 euros per month. Proof may be provided in the form of one of three options:

- Bank statements dating back three months showing a balance of the equivalent of 877.50 euros multiplied by the number of months to be spent in France. So, if you're there for 6 months, a statement with a minimum balance of 5265 euros.
- A notarized statement from a guarantor (parent) declaring that the guarantor will provide the student applicant with at least the equivalent of 877.50 euros per month, accompanied by the guarantor's most recent bank statement dating back three months.
- A letter or statement issued by your home university's financial aid office. Visa services at the Consulate need a specific breakdown of the available financial resources (remaining aid) of the student once the tuition fees have been paid.

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The following documents have been requested in the past. While you may not be asked for these, we strongly encourage you to bring the following supporting documentation to your in-person visa appointment:

- ☐ Airline ticket or reservation: An airline reservation or a handwritten and legible statement indicating your intended date of departure, as well as a formal commitment not to depart before that date. (It is not possible to modify the validity starting date of a visa once the application is made.)
- ☐ Proof of health insurance (emailed in your visa packet from API)
- ☐ API letter of enrollment (emailed in your visa packet from API)

When you arrive in France, you will be required to complete the VLS-TS Visa Validation process within three months of your arrival in order to issue a temporary residence permit. You will purchase a “timbre fiscal” for 75 euros through [this link](#). You will not be able to start this process until you arrive as the following will need to be uploaded to your Étrangers en France portal:

- ☐ A color copy of your visa
- ☐ A color scan showing your entry date into France from your passport
- ☐ Housing information
- ☐ The fiscal stamp