



Step 1: Apply to Lipscomb as an International Student (F-1 Visa Holders)

- [Apply Today](#) - Students will create a Bison Portal login to complete all steps of the admissions process.
- Student Types:
 - Freshman: Students entering college for the first time after high school.
 - Transfer: Students who have completed high school and took courses at a university after high school.
 - Summer Start: Student-athletes required to begin in summer should apply for the Summer Term.
- Students may apply test-optional or submit ACT, SAT, or CLT scores.



Step 2: Complete your International Student Essay

- Required for all international applicants.
- The essay prompt is available in the [Bison Portal](#) checklist after application submission. (Answering the prompt- Why do you want to come to Lipscomb?)
- If applying via the Common Application, the required essay there will suffice.



Step 3: Submit your English Proficiency Score

- Students must submit one of the following:
 - [Duolingo](#): 105+ minimum score ***Recommended Test**
 - [IELTS](#): 6.5+ minimum score
 - [TOEFL](#): 550+ minimum score (paper-based) or 80+ minimum score (internet-based)
- All scores must be official and sent directly from the testing service (not from the student). You will need to include Lipscomb on your list of schools on the testing site.



Step 4: Submit Required Transcripts & a Transcript Evaluation

- All international students hoping to study at Lipscomb University will need to submit both their official transcripts and a third-party transcript evaluation.

What is considered an official transcript?

- Your transcript must be submitted by your school to be considered official. Hard-copy transcripts and other academic records are considered "official" when they arrive in a sealed, stamped, official envelope with the seal and any other security features intact. Electronic transcripts are considered "official" when we receive them from a secure site formally linked to the sending institution or testing service, such as Parchment or Scoir.

How do I send my official transcript to Lipscomb?

- Official transcripts must be sent by a school official to: internationaladmissions@lipscomb.edu

Where can I get a Transcript Evaluation?

- Lipscomb accepts third-party transcript evaluations through any of the following services, but offers a discounted rate for evaluations done through [The Evaluation Company](#).
- Choose one of the following services (must select "course-by-course" evaluation), and assume this will take up to two weeks.

Accepted Transcript Evaluation Services

- **The Evaluation Company** - The Evaluation Company has a custom [application for Lipscomb students](#) to ensure you select the right kind of evaluation at a discounted rate. You can also utilize this [helpful tool](#) if you have questions about which documents you need to upload for credential evaluation.
- We also accept transcript evaluations from [WES](#), [Lisano](#) and [IEE](#)

**You will only need to utilize one of these services for your transcript evaluation.*



*Transfer students will need to send their high school transcripts and official transcripts for all completed university coursework, along with a course-by-course evaluation for each transcript by one of the approved services above.



Step 5: Complete an Interview

- This 15-20 minute interview is a time to meet with your Admissions Counselor and discuss why you are interested in Lipscomb. You can schedule your Zoom interview in your Bison Portal.
- After this final step is complete, our International Admissions Committee will review all of your application materials to make a holistic decision on your application.

International Student Resources

You are well on your way toward joining a vibrant international student community at Lipscomb University! See below for other helpful resources for International Applicants:

- [Virtual Campus Tour](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions by International Students](#)
- [International Scholarship Information](#)
- [Office of Intercultural Development](#)
- [I-20 Process, Procedures & Visa Information](#)

