



GRACE ACADEMY

International Student Admissions Application

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

At Grace Academy, we welcome students who are interested in quality Christian education that will prepare them for university. Within the mission of Grace Academy, the purpose of the International Student Program (ISP) is to impact students by moving them toward knowledge, wisdom, and English language proficiency. We accomplish this through educating from a biblical worldview and supporting international students academically, spiritually and culturally.

“Educating for life, impacting for eternity”

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International Student Application Checklist

Please include all documents on the checklist. Make sure they are complete, including original signatures and correct dates.

STUDENT INFORMATION

- Personal information pages**
- Student Essays:** must be hand-written or typed by the student in English
- Parent/Legal Guardian Essays:** to be written or typed by student's parents and/or guardians in English (or translated into English)
- Photos with captions**
- Non-refundable \$250 application processing fee**

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- Copy of student passport:** photo and signature pages
- Verification of funds:** verifies there are appropriate funds for the family to pay tuition and fees
- Student Agreement:** read, sign, and date
- Parent/Legal Guardian Agreement:** read, sign and date
- Liability release:** read, sign, and date

MEDICAL RELEASE AND FORMS

- Authorization for Medical Care**
- Medical Information form**
- Dental Information form**
- Washington Certificate of Immunization:** required by the state of Washington for all students

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- Official school transcript:** This must be an official, signed copy of their current transcript from their home country. It must also be translated in English.
- Transcript Translation document:** Completed by the student's current school and must include the American Grading System conversion.
- English Proficiency Assessment:** We require a formal English test that includes reading, writing, listening, and speaking components. iTEP is recommended by Grace Academy.

REFERENCES

- English Teacher Recommendation:** completed, signed, and dated by student's English teacher or tutor.
- Math Teacher Recommendation:** completed, signed, and dated by student's math teacher or tutor.
- Personal Reference:** completed, signed, and dated by a personal reference (cannot be completed by the parents)

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Enrollment Checklist

Once the student has completed the application, the next step is enrollment and receiving an I-20 form from the school.

- Interview:** Student and family interview scheduled when the application and supporting documents are completed.
- Complete Online Enrollment through school portal:** Once the student is accepted, the family will receive access to the school's online portal to enroll for Grace Academy.
- Issue I-20 Form:** After student has officially enrolled, Grace Academy will issue an I-20 document. It is the family and/or sending agency's responsibility to secure an appointment with the Embassy or Consulate for an interview and issuing of F1 Visa.
- Pay Tuition & Fees:** This must be paid before student begins classes for the semester.

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Instructions

Please read all directions on each page carefully before completing this form.

If the school accepts you, this form and any supplement(s) will serve as your introduction to the people who will host you.

Filling Out Your Application

Your application must be legible and written in English, using proper grammar and spelling. Answer all questions completely; do not simply write “same” or “see above” or “see previous.” Enter your information directly on the application unless directed otherwise.

Whenever the application asks for your name, enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport or birth certificate. Write your full name at the top of all application pages.

All dates should be written in the following format: month/day/year.

Copies and Signatures

You will need to submit one copy of this application form. (You may also wish to make a copy for your own records.) Make sure to sign each section appropriately. All photographs should be originals or good-quality color copies.

Questions

If you have any questions about this application, please contact Camille Dittmore at cdittmore@graceacademy.net .

Submitting the Application

You may scan and submit your application via email to cdittmore@graceacademy.net.

You may also send the application by mail to:

**International Student Admissions, Grace Academy,
8621 67th Ave. NE, Marysville, WA 98270.**

You may send the application by **fax to: 360-653-5899.**

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Student—*Before you begin filling out your application, read all instructions on the opening page.*

Submit a good-quality color photo of your head and shoulders with this application. For hard-copy submission, affix a recent photo of yourself below. (Size 2 x 2 1/2 in. or 5 x 6.5 cm.).

Date of Application ____ / ____ / ____
MONTH / DAY / YEAR

1. Student

Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport or birth certificate)

Name/Surname Given Name Middle Name Family

Nickname or English Name _____ Gender: Male or Female

Home Address—Street/Apartment _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ Postal Address (if different from home) _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Student's Email _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth—City _____
MONTH / DAY / YEAR

State/Province _____ Country _____

Citizen of (Country) _____ Passport Number _____

Place of Issue _____ Date of Issue _____ Date of Expiry _____

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Student Information (continued)

2. Parents/Legal Guardians

Full Name of Father/LegalGuardian _____

Address—Street/Apt. _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____

Business Phone _____ Fax _____

Full Name of Mother/Legal Guardian _____

Address—Street/Apt. _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____

Business Phone _____ Fax _____

Parent/legal guardian to contact **first** in the event of an emergency:

____ Check here if parents are divorced or separated. Authorizations must be obtained from all parents/legal guardians and others who have legal rights to make decisions affecting the student.

3. Siblings

Name	Gender	Age	Occupation	Living at Home?

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4. School

You must attach a transcript of courses you have completed during the last three years and the grades you have received to the Educational section of this application. (If your original transcript is not in English, it must be translated to English and the American grading system using the forms provided.)

Name of School You Currently Attend _____

Check One: Elementary School Middle School Secondary School

Check One: Public School Private School

School's Religious Affiliation (if any): _____

Address – Street: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Your Current Grade Level: _____ Year You will Finish Secondary School: _____

What grade do you prefer to enter: 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Do you wish to graduate from your host school? Yes No Undecided

(Graduation is not guaranteed to any international student.)

5. Languages

Native Language: _____

Proficiency – Please indicate Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, or Excellent

Non-native Language: _____ Years Studied: _____ Speaking: _____ Reading: _____ Writing: _____

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6. Briefly give your reasons for wanting to study at a school in another country.

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7. Personal Background

a. Do you have any dietary restrictions? Yes No if yes, please explain (e.g. vegetarian, food allergies, diabetic, etc.)

b. Are you allergic to any animals? Yes No If yes, which animals? _____

c. Are you allergic to any medications? Yes No If yes, which medications?

d. Are you taking any medications? Yes No If yes, list medications (s) and reason for taking.

e. Do you smoke? Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

f. Do you drink alcohol? Yes No If yes please explain. _____

g. Have you ever been involved with illegal drugs? Yes No If yes please explain.

h. Have you ever been convicted of an offense Yes No if yes, please explain:

8. Activities and Interests Check any activity in which you are interested (check no more than six). Please note:

<input type="checkbox"/> American football	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing/Boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Track and Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Movies	<input type="checkbox"/> School Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Museums	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing	<input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Relatives
<input type="checkbox"/> Baking	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnics	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Watching TV
<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	<input type="checkbox"/> Raising Animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Racquetball	<input type="checkbox"/> Table Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Riding Horses	<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Athletic eligibility or participation is not guaranteed.

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Please list any other specific interests hobbies, or activities and any awards or commendations.

Do you play in a band or orchestra? Yes No If yes, what instrument(s)? _____

Do you participate in any competitive sports? Yes No If yes, what sport(s)? _____

Do you have any pets? Yes No If yes, what are they? _____

Would you be willing to live with a host family that has pets living in the home? Yes No

List the household tasks for which you are responsible at home. _____

Would you be willing to contribute to the life of your host family by taking part in household tasks? Yes No

What is your religious affiliation? _____

Do you attend church? Yes No If yes, how many times do you attend per week? _____

Are you active in any church groups? Yes No If yes, what are they?

Church attendance with your host family will be a required part of your experience.

Are you willing to attend church with your host family? Yes No

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Student Information – Student's Essays

Student: *In your own words, respond to the following essay questions, introducing yourself to your future host family and school. Keep in mind that this will be their first impression of you. Provide as much detail as possible. These essays must be written in English and signed by the student.*

1. Describe yourself. Tell about an important accomplishment or special interest. Tell about your strengths and weaknesses and likes and dislikes. (What activities do you enjoy? Have you received awards in any of these areas? What things do you find easy or difficult? Do you like or dislike certain foods, animals, treatment of other people, etc.?)

2. Describe your family and home. (*Introduce your family members. What are their names, ages, and occupations? What is your home like? Do you have your own room, or do you share your room with others? Where in your house do you study? How far is your home from your school? Do you drive, ride a bus, ride a bicycle, or walk to school?*)

3. Describe your involvement in a faith community. (*Do you go to church? How do you participate? Why do you participate?*)

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4. Describe a typical day at school. *(How many subjects do you take? What are they? How long are the classes? What is your daily schedule during the school year? Start with when you wake up and discuss only one typical day's schedule.)*

5. Describe what you do in your free time. *(Do you spend time with friends or family? How do you spend your free time?)*

6. Describe your community. *(Is it in or near a major city? What is the population? Industry? Economy?)*

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7. Describe any trips you have taken outside your country. (Where did you go? Why did you take these trips? Who did you go with? How long did you stay?)

8. Describe an important experience in your life. (What did you learn from this experience? Why is it important to you?)

9. Describe your plans and ambitions for your education and career. (Do you want you to attend a university? What professional goals do you have?)

10. Describe what you specifically hope to accomplish as an international student, both during your time abroad and when you return home. (Do you have any specific hopes or expectations?)

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11. Describe how you will share your culture with your host family and school. (How will welcoming you as an exchange student enrich your host family and school?)

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

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Student Information – Parent's/Legal Guardians' Essays

Parent's/Legal Guardians – *In your own words, respond to the following essay questions. Keep in mind that these essays will help the school place your child in a host family, so please be as frank and honest as possible to ensure that the best placement possible is found for your child.*

Both parents must sign below the essay questions. (If the parents are divorced or separated, two responses to each question may be submitted.) These essays must be written in English and signed by both parents. (If the student's parents are unable to write in English, it is their responsibility to find someone to help them translate their thoughts into English.)

1. Describe your child's relationship with you and your family and with his or her friends. *(How does your child interact with you and others? How does he or she respond to disagreements, discipline, frustration, challenges, and difficult situations? Does he or she communicate freely?)*

2. Describe your relationship with your child. *(How do you communicate love and respect to your child? How much independence do you give your child? What kinds of responsibilities does you give your child? How do you work out differences? How do you enforce rules?)*

3. Describe your child's personality. *(What are his or her interests, strengths, and weaknesses?)*

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4. Describe what makes you proud of your child.

5. Explain why you want your child to study abroad.

6. Add any other comments you would like to share with your child's host family and school.

Parent's/Legal Guardians' Signature(s):

_____ **Date:** _____

_____ **Date:** _____

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Student Information – Student's Photos

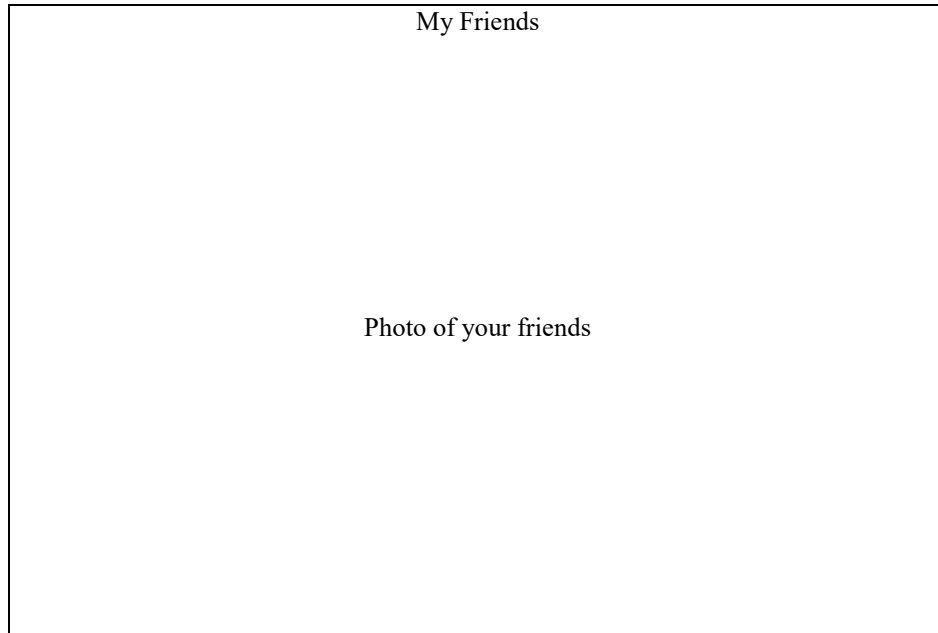
Student – Place a recent (within the past two years) color photo in each of the following spaces. Write brief captions that describe who is in the picture and what they are doing.

<p>My Family</p> <p>Photo that includes members of your immediate family</p>

Caption for above photo:

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Student Information – Student's Photos (continued)



Caption for above photo:

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Student Information – Student's Photos (continued)

My Special Interest

Photo of you participating in your favorite hobby or activity

Caption for above photo:

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Student Information – Student's Photos (continued)

Something Important to Me
<p>Photo of something important to you such as a pet, a musical instrument, a special person, etc.</p>

Caption for above photo:

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Student: *Please read carefully. Then sign and date below where indicated.*

In the city of _____, country of _____, on the _____ day of _____

In the year 20____, I _____, the student, agree that if I am accepted by Grace Academy, I will travel to the host country, live with an approved host family, attend the school for the length of time agreed upon by my parents, the school, and me. I hereby state that I have read and understand the school and international student program (ISP) rules and conditions. Should I, as a student, be admitted to and enrolled in the school, I agree to abide by all the school and ISP rules, conditions, and decisions throughout the duration of my enrollment in the school. I understand that while a student in the school my activities are under the authority of the school. Therefore, my parents/legal guardians cannot authorize me to engage in an activity or activities without the school's approval. I also understand that any relatives that I may have in the host country will have no authority over me while I am a student in the school.

I attest that I am of good health and character, I understand the important role of an international student, and I will, to the best of my ability, maintain the high standards required of an international student should I be chosen to represent my family, school, community, state/province, and country. I further state that all the material contained in this application and in the attached documents is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Parent/Legal Guardians Agreement

Parents/Legal Guardians: *Please read this agreement carefully. Then sign and date below where indicated.*

In the city of _____, country of _____, on the ____ day of ____

In the year 20 _____. I/We, the undersigned parents/legal guardians (hereafter parents) of _____ agree that if my/our child is accepted by Grace Academy, my/our child is permitted to travel to the host country, live with an approved host family, and attend the school for the length of time agreed upon by me/us, my our child, and the school.

I/We hereby state that we have read and understood the school and international student program (ISP) rules and conditions. Should my/our son/ daughter be admitted to and enrolled in the school, I/we agree to abide by all the school and ISP rules, conditions, and decisions throughout the duration of his/her enrollment in the school. I/We understand that while our son/daughter is a student in the school his/her activities will be under the authority of the school. Therefore, I/we understand that I/we cannot authorize my/our son/daughter to engage in an activity or activities without the school's approval. I/We also agree that any relatives we may have in the host country will have no authority over him/her while he/she is a student in the school.

I/We attest that our child is of good health and character, understands the important role of an international student, and will, to the best of his/her ability, maintain the high standards required of an international student should he/she be chosen to represent his/her family, school, community, state/province, and country. I/We further state that all the material contained in this application and in the attached documents is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

Father's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Liability Release

Please read carefully. Then sign and date below where indicated.

In consideration of the acceptance and enrollment of the student in Grace Academy, I/we, the undersigned parents/legal guardians of the student, and I, the student, if of legal age, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify all host parents and members of their families and the school and its employees, agents, officers, and directors from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury, or death, including any such liability that may arise out of any negligent act or omission, excepting intentional conduct, of any such persons or entities, which may be suffered or claimed by such student, parent, or legal guardian during, or as a result of, the student's enrollment in the school, including travel to and from the host country.

I/We understand that the student will be subject to the authorities and teachers of the school, and that he/she will have to follow the rules given by his/her host family. I/We also understand that the school reserves the right to terminate the enrollment any student whose conduct may be considered detrimental or incompatible with the interests and security of the school and its International Student Program (ISP). I/We understand that if this occurs, any refund will be at the discretion of the school.

Father's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature (mandatory if student is under age 18)

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Name (please print)

Signature (mandatory if student is under age 18)

Student's Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____