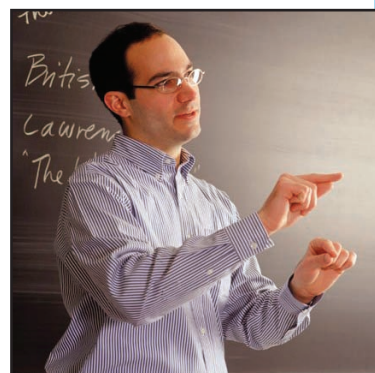


Application

# International Student Application



 **Moraine Valley**  
Community College  
Changing Lives for a Changing World

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# ADMISSION INFORMATION

*An international student is a citizen of a country other than the United States who is authorized to remain in the United States for a temporary period as a non-immigrant (F-1 student visa) and who intends to return to his or her home country.*

## Admission

An international student who plans to attend Moraine Valley Community College must take the following steps to begin classes at the college.

### International Student Application Checklist

1. \$25 (U.S. dollars) non-refundable International Student Application Fee.

The fee payment can be paid by credit card, by official bank check, or money order, made payable to Moraine Valley Community College. The credit card authorization form is attached.

2. Financial sponsor must complete and sign the enclosed Affidavit of Support. This affidavit must be stamped by a notary public or bank official.
3. Financial sponsor must submit a letter, with an official signature, on bank letterhead which verifies the following:
  - The sponsor's current account balance (proof of minimum balance of \$16,540 U.S.)
  - whether the account is in good standing
4. Submit authorized English translations and official certified copies of secondary and post-secondary transcripts. The documents must indicate that you have completed at least the equivalent of secondary school (11 to 13 years of education) in your country.

For transfer students – Students who wish to transfer to Moraine Valley must also submit a copy of current school 1-20 form, transcript, and International student transfer form signed by the designated school official.

All documents must be submitted to the following address:  
International Student Admissions  
Moraine Valley Community College  
9000 W. College Pkwy.  
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465-0937 USA

### International Student Application Deadline

- July 15—Fall Semester (August)
- December 1—Spring Semester (January)
- May 15—Summer Semester (June)

The completed International Student Application Form and all required documents must be received by the semester deadline date, or the application may be delayed until the following semester.

All transcripts, letters and other admission materials become the property of Moraine Valley Community College

Upon approval of the completed application, Moraine Valley will issue an I-20 form. Please take the I-20 form and your current passport to the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate to obtain the F-1 student visa.

## Orientation

All new international students are required to attend the International Student Orientation Program held the week before classes begin.

This four-day program includes English testing and assessment, academic advising, class selection, and registration. Community information is also provided, such as banking, housing, transportation, health care, and other topics which help students adjust to their new environment.

## Registration

Students will register for classes during the Orientation Program. All new students are comprehensively tested in English language proficiency before registering. Test results will determine placement in Moraine Valley's Intensive English Language Program and/or in regular academic course work.

## Expenses

The following is a minimum estimate of costs for an academic year (fall and spring semesters only) at Moraine Valley Community College. Remember, this is a minimum estimate and students need to plan for additional costs.

Current tuition \$277 per credit hour (this includes \$5 in student fees per credit hour).

Tuition*	\$7,225	*(Two semesters 25 credits)
Housing	5,400	(\$600 x 9 months)
Transportation	540	(\$60 x 9 months)
Books	600	(\$300 x 2 semesters)
Insurance	975	(annually)
Miscellaneous	1,800	(2 semesters)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,540</b>	minimum expenses, 2 semesters

All international students are required to obtain hospitalization and medical insurance upon arrival.

*\*Tuition and fees may change. Estimated costs will be higher for students taking additional courses and credits.*

# HOUSING INFORMATION

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Moraine Valley is a commuter college. All international students are assisted in finding comfortable housing. Students have a choice of two primary housing options. Your choice of housing will be a very important part of your total education. Living in the community surrounding the college will broaden your cultural understanding of the United States.

Please read the information and then complete and return the housing application with the application for admission.

With each housing option, you are usually asked to sign an agreement, contract or lease. A monetary security deposit is required upon moving into the housing. Payment of rent is typically at the beginning of each month.

## Host Homes

In a host home, you will be given the opportunity to live with a local community resident. Host homes provide a private room in a comfortable environment, in which you can learn about the United States from your host family. You can enjoy the conveniences of a home, and practice English. Since there are many types of American families, you may request to live with single persons, married couples, families with children, and/or elderly persons.

### Host Home Features

- learn American culture and customs
- house guidelines related to smoking, alcohol, appliances, telephone, etc.
- practice English skills at home
- participate in family functions, outings and holidays
- make long-lasting friends
- meals provided and/or cooking privileges
- assistance in learning about the local community

## Apartments

If you choose to live in an apartment near campus, Moraine Valley will place you in a temporary host home until your apartment accommodations are found. Moraine Valley provides information and assistance in securing apartments, but there are many choices. The final decision about apartment arrangements is the student's decision.

Typical apartments in the U.S. include a kitchen, dining area, living room, bathroom, and one or two bedrooms.

### Apartment Features

Choice of:

- living by yourself or with roommates
- maximum flexibility, independence and privacy
- paying for your own utilities, electricity and telephone
- Apartments contain stove and refrigerator only. Furnishings are typically not included. You must buy or rent your own furniture.
- buying and preparing your own meals.

## Arrival

All students arriving direct from overseas will be met at the airport and taken directly to housing accommodations.

## Transportation

Buses are widely used by students for transportation to and from the college and for travel around the local area. The public bus system is convenient to the college.

The suburban bus system is connected to the bus and train system of the Chicago area. Students may purchase a monthly bus pass for this transportation.

Additionally, many students choose to purchase automobiles. Information about automobiles and driving is provided during orientation.

# ESTIMATED HOUSING COSTS

Living Expenses	Rent	Security Deposit	Food	Utilities (Electric, Gas)	**Telephone and Internet	Furniture	First Month Cost	Estimated Monthly Cost
Host Home	Shared Room no meals \$325*	\$200	\$225 approx.	Included	Local calls shared  Long-distance calls paid by student	Included	\$900 approx.	\$600-\$750
	Private Room no meals \$375*							
	Room with meals \$600							
Unfurnished Apartment (average costs)	<b>One Bedroom</b> 1 person \$625-\$850	Usually equal to one month's rent	\$150-\$250	approx. \$50 monthly	Cost depends on usage	Varies	\$1,100-\$1,800	\$700-\$1,000 average per person
	Two Bedroom \$850-\$1000							

\* Only upon availability

\*\* Most students use mobile cellular phones. Costs for mobile telephone and Internet are approximately \$30-80 per month.

Students who wish to rent apartments may be requested—and should plan to bring—additional financial resource verification for apartment owners.

Students who plan to use public transportation should budget approximately \$60 a month for commuting costs.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION

## For Office Use

I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOC: \_\_\_\_\_ STAT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OV \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_  
 IN \_\_\_\_\_ TRA \_\_\_\_\_  
 LS \_\_\_\_\_ CHA \_\_\_\_\_  
 COM: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print clearly*

**Type of Visa Currently Held (if any):**     F-1     B-2     J-1     Other     None

**Entrance:**    From United States Location     Male     Female     Single     Married  
 From overseas location  
 Transfer from a United States school

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mo.*                      *Day*                      *Yr.*

**I Plan to Begin:**    August (Fall)     January (Spring)     June (Summer)

## Biography

Name (as shown on passport) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Family*                                      *First*                                      *Middle*

Address (Home Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Home Country) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address if Known (in United States) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number*                                      *Street*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City*                                      *State*                                      *ZIP Code*

Telephone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Education (secondary/post secondary)

List secondary and post secondary institutions previously attended. Proof of secondary school completion with certified transcripts must be submitted.

Name	Location	Date of Attendance
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I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_

Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

## Application for Housing Assistance

International students will be provided assistance in finding housing. Preference is given to applications in the order they are received. Complete this information and submit it with the application for admission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Family Name* *First Name* *Middle Name*

Male  Female Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
*month* *day* *year*

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Major Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

**Which Type of Housing Do You Prefer?**  Host Home Program  Apartment  
 I plan to live with friends or relatives.  I do not require housing assistance

**If you plan to live with friends or relatives in the United States:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**If you prefer a host home, which would you choose?**

- Host home with family with children  Host home with married couple  
 Host home with single person  Host home with elderly person

**How long do you plan to stay in a host home?**

- A few weeks  one semester  one year or more

**In a host home, which meal plan would you prefer?**

- Prefer to take my meals with my host  Prefer to purchase food and cook my own meals

**Do you have any dietary restrictions?**  No  Yes Please identify:

Medical \_\_\_\_\_ Religious \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you smoke?**  No  Yes

**Do you own or plan to purchase a car for transportation?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you allergic to cats or dogs?**  No  Yes If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you rely on public transportation?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What are your hobbies or interests?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about yourself. Make comments about yourself or your housing arrangement which you think might be helpful in making accommodations for you. Use an additional sheet if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# MORAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## International Student Fee Payment Form Credit Card Authorization Form

Use this form to submit the International Student Application Fee (\$25 US dollars, non-refundable) and/or the International Student Housing Placement Fee (\$200 US dollars, refundable) for students who request housing assistance and housing placement upon arrival.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ For Office Use ID \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Holder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Type Card  Visa  Master card  American Express  Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expiration Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code (Last three numbers on back of credit card) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Sent (US Dollar Amount) \_\_\_\_\_

*This fee is authorized for the following purpose:*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Application Fee      \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 Housing Placement Fee      \_\_\_\_\_ other; pre-payment of tuition

Authorized signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form with the International Student Application and all required documents to:

**International Student Admissions**  
Moraine Valley Community College  
9000 West College Parkway  
Palos Hills, IL 60465 USA

Telephone: (708) 974-5443  
Fax: (708) 974-8334  
E-mail: [intl admissions@morainevalley.edu](mailto:intl admissions@morainevalley.edu)

# SPONSOR INFORMATION

## Financial Verification International Student Sponsor's Affidavit of Support

International students or their sponsor must provide evidence of sufficient funds available to financially support two full semesters of study at Moraine Valley Community College. This affidavit must be signed by the sponsor, and hand stamped or sealed by a notary public, bank official, or individual authorized to certify documents. An *original* letter with an official signature *on bank letterhead* must also be submitted. The letter should verify a current account balance with a minimum of \$16,540 U.S., and whether the account is in good standing.

(Please Print)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, who resides at  
*Name of Sponsor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsor Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsor Telephone Number*

Being duly sworn, depose and say that it is my intention to support \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Student*

who resides at (home country address) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student's Address*

And comes to the United States to study at Moraine Valley Community College and reside at (U.S. address, if known)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

that I am willing and able to maintain and support the prospective student; and that this affidavit is made by me for the purpose of assuring the college that the student I am sponsoring will not find it necessary to appeal to the college for scholarships or other financial aid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signature and statement signed and sworn before me

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Notary Public Bank Official*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address, Location*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Affix Stamp or Seal

**Note: An original official bank letter verifying financial sponsor's bank account information must also be submitted with this affidavit.**



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