



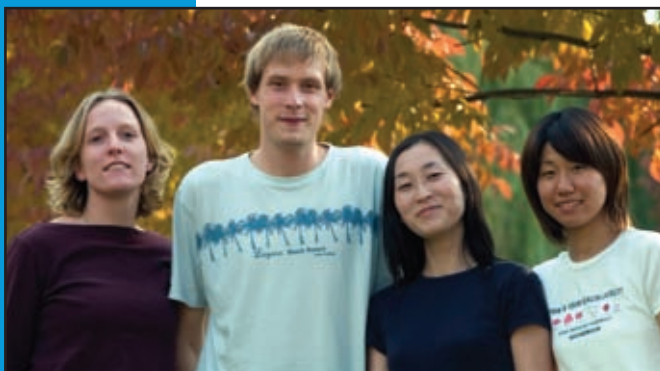
Moraine Valley
Community College

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Application

International Student Application



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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 \$16,240 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).

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Tuition* | \$6,925 | *(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) |
| Total | \$16,240 | 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 APPLICATION

For Office Use

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. _____

Statement of Intent

In English, please explain why you are choosing your particular field of study and how you intend to make use of your education in your home country.

What are your reasons for selecting Moraine Valley Community College? _____

How did you first learn about Moraine Valley Community College? _____

Academic Intent

I am planning to pursue the following program at Moraine Valley:

- Associate in Arts Degree (University Transfer) A.A.
- Associate in Science Degree (University Transfer) A.S.
- Associate in Applied Science Degree (Career Degree) A.A.S.
- Intensive English Language Program

My major field of study is _____

I grant permission to Moraine Valley Community College to provide my sponsor with documents and/or information concerning my admission status.

- Yes No

***Certifying Statement**

I hereby certify that all information provided on this application is true and correct. I understand the presentation of false information or failure to comply with Moraine Valley Community College policies and procedures may result in my dismissal without refund of any fees paid. In addition, I understand that I must have medical insurance during my enrollment at the college.

Student's Name (Print)

Student's Signature

Date

****Application must be completed and signed by applicant.***

HOUSING INFORMATION

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) | One Bedroom 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.

MORaine 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) 974-0561
E-mail: intladmissions@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 \$16,240 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.