

CRITERIA FOR I-20 CONSIDERATION

This application packet should be completed by applicants who want to qualify for an I-20 Form from Catawba Valley Community College. Complete this packet if you are an:

1. Individual **living outside the United States** and you want to receive an I-20 to apply for a student visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country. **(Note: the application must be completed by the applicant in your home country and not by a friend or relative in the United States.)**
2. Individual who is **currently in the United States** on a student visa but holds an I-20 from another college or university and are interested in transferring to Catawba Valley Community College. **(Note: You must first attend the college, university or language training center that issued your current I-20 for one academic term before you are eligible to transfer.)**
3. Individual who is **in the United States on another non-immigrant visa** (such as B-1/B-2, F-2, J-1, H-4, L-2, R-1) and who wants to receive an I-20 to apply to change your visa status to student status. **(Note: CVCC will process a change of visa status application from B-1/B-2 status only if your visa has a “prospective student” annotation printed on the visa. Without this stamp, you must apply for an I-20 through application to INS. You may need to seek the advice of an immigration attorney to change your visa status.)**

This application packet should NOT be completed by:

1. Individuals who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States. This category would also include refugees, political asylees, conditional permanent residents and pending permanent residents.

These individuals should complete a Catawba Valley Community College Application for Admission, complete and mail Transcript Request Forms to the high school and any colleges or universities they have previously attended, and request any TOEFL and/or SAT scores be sent to CVCC.

If you have questions regarding the application process for international students or non-immigrant students, please contact Ms. May Khang at (828) 327-7000, extension 4221 or by e-mail mkhang@cvcc.edu.