Your future drives our mission at Tennessee State University. As a Historically Black College/University (HBCU), TSU fosters scholarly inquiry and research, lifelong learning, and a commitment to service. Building on our heritage of strong instruction and solid research, we prepare you for leadership, professional success, personal achievement, and service to local, national, and international communities in our global society. At Tennessee State University, you’re the focus of our motto -Think. Work. Serve.- and the beneficiary of our core values:

Excellence
Learning
Accountability
Integrity
Shared governance
Diversity
Service

Through the liberal education you receive at TSU, you’ll grow and develop as a person who appreciates cultural diversity, embodies a sense of civic and social responsibility, and is well prepared to fulfill your life’s goals.
My Information

IEC ID#:___________________

Name:_________________________________________________________

Date of Birth:____________________________________________________

E-mail:_________________________________________________________

Passport #:_____________________________________________________

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Traveling to the U.S.

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I am extremely thrilled you will soon join the family of Tennessee State University in the Land of Golden Sunshine! You will be a part of a very rich history of students who have received invaluable education since 1912! At TSU, we stand firm on the fact that “Excellence is our Habit”. Please know you will be an important addition to our family and we look forward to learning about you and your invaluable heritage.

Dr. Jewell Winn
Executive Director, OIA

I am very pleased that you have chosen Tennessee State University as your institute of choice for higher education and would like to welcome you to Big Blue Country! TSU hosts students from over thirty countries and has the most ethnically diverse faculty in the state.

Mark Gunter
Director, OIA

Welcome to the Music City, USA! You are at one of the best English programs in one of the fastest growing cities in the USA. We will work hard to make sure that you have a memorable learning experience at the IEC. You will have various opportunities to improve your language skills as well as to explore beautiful Nashville and Tennessee. We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know you, soon.

Engin Ayvaz
Director, IEC
Immigration and visa issues are discussed in the cover letter which accompanied your confirmation packet from IEC - TSU.

- Pay the I-901 fee
- Set up the appointment at the U.S. Embassy
- Get ready for your interview at the U.S. Embassy

1. Be on time
2. Bring all the documents

a) I-20: the original signed form we sent you,
b) I-901: a copy of your payment,
c) Visa appointment confirmation,
d) Passport: Make sure all information is complete and you have a valid passport,
e) The acceptance letter we sent you,
f) Documents of your financial ability to pay for your travel, tuition and accommodation,
g) Any other document to prove you plan to return to your country after your studies.

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Plan your trip

After your visa is approved

**Buy your ticket**
As early as possible to find better prices
Your final destination is Nashville International Airport (BNA)
kayak.com - skyscanner.com - googleflights.com

**Buy health insurance**
Students are required to obtain health insurance in compliance with TSU requirements to cover their visit to the U.S.
sevencorners.com - isoa.org - insubuy.com

**Arrange your accommodation**
Find TSU off campus apartments and rooms before you come
ap.com - airbnb.com - roomster.com - apartmentfinder.com

**Ask for advice**
Talk to friends who already live in the US.
They can give you good ideas.

**Spend time**
With friends and family before you travel.

**Activate your SIM card**
We sent you a MINI Sim. Check out the options and activate it from abroad.
Health Insurance

is required for all enrolled students at the University
Make sure you have proper health coverage for all cases.

Required Immunizations

Tennessee State University requires proper immunization includes:
Measles Mump Rubella (MMR) vaccine,
Varicella (Chicken pox) vaccine,
Tetanus-diphtheria vaccine,
Hepatitis B (HBV) immunization,
Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine (Mandatory if you are going to live in the dormitory)
About Nashville, TN

Music City USA awaits you!

Nashville

Athens of the South.
also known as Music City, U.S.A.
located on the Cumberland River.
the capital and largest city of Tennessee.
home to numerous colleges and universities.
a center for the music, healthcare, and publishing industries.

Weather averages
Temperature (°C)

High
Low
Places to visit

History, Culture & Music

- Capitol
- Parthenon
- Grand Ole Opry
- Downtown Nashville
- Bicentennial Park
- Belmont Mansion
Music City Central
Bus station

Address: 400 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37219
https://m.nashvillemta.org/Nashville-MTA-Mobile-Maps-Schedules.asp

Free Circuits
Green and Blue

Scooters

Buses with bike racks

The Green Circuit serves between the Gulch and the Bicentennial Mall area.
The Blue Circuit serves between Riverfront Station and the TSU Campus.

TSU Shuttle
From Avon Williams campus to main campus
http://www.tnstate.edu/facilities/transportation.aspx
Before You Arrive

See you soon

When you are traveling to the U.S. make sure you have your original documents in your carry-on luggage.

- Visa
- Passport
- I-20
- Evidence of admission and acceptance letter

Who will be receiving you?

Name: ____________________ Phone: ________________________
Street: ____________________ City:___________________________
E-mail: ____________________

Make sure you have an active SIM with coverage to contact your family when you arrive.

Bring some U.S. dollars with you (about $300).

Activate your credit card for purchases abroad.

Have a safe trip!!
Suggested Apps to have in your phone

- Uber - Lift
- Google Maps
- Airbnb
- Tripadvisor
- Booking.com
- QR Reader
- Door Dash
- Easy Fly
- Facebook
- Instagram

Apps
Packing Tips

Because we care about you

Keep your documents at hand
Do not pack your immigration documents in your checked luggage.

Know your airline's baggage fees & policies
Before you begin packing, check your airline's website and read its baggage policy.

Choose your luggage
Pick luggage that is versatile, lightweight and easy to carry.

Make a packing list
Creating a packing list is a fail-safe way to ensure that you don’t forget to bring something important. Start packing days ahead of your departure date.

Just pack smart
In addition to clothes, books and other essentials, consider extra contact lenses (if you wear them), medications (in clearly labeled containers), photos, traditional clothing, compact items that will help feel like home.

“On a long journey even a straw weighs heavy”
Spanish Proverb
After You Arrive

1. Find a ride home
   - Apps
     - You can use UBER or LYFT
   - Public bus
     - find the schedules at www.nashvillemta.org
   - Car rentals
     - make a reservation www.carrentals.com
   - OIA van pick up
     - This service is free. (Conditions apply)

2. Check in with us
   Holland Hall, Suite 111
   See Vlad Betancur

3. Attend orientation/registration
   (mandatory)
Contact us:

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