



Rigorous & Relevant Academics, Christ-centered Relationships

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in Oakland Christian School (OCS).

Oakland Christian School engages students in a rigorous and relevant education that builds Christ-centered relationships and prepares students to fulfill their unique God-given purpose in our shared world.

OCS has a limited number of international places, therefore, you are encouraged to apply early.

Please be advised that all admission documents must be received together with the \$325 application fee before an admissions decision can be made.

STEP ONE – FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING:

1. Excel application form
2. Official school transcripts (Submit **official original** transcripts showing the years of education that you have successfully completed. (Final year of middle school/ US high school equivalent).
3. Student Essays
4. Students Photos
5. TOEFL or other English tests if available
6. Immunization records in English (students are required to meet Michigan's immunization requirements)
7. Copy of Birth Certificate
8. Copy of Passport
9. \$325 application fee

Once Oakland Christian School receives all required items mentioned above with the \$325 application fee, we will evaluate your application.

STEP TWO - INTERVIEW

Students who meet our admissions criteria will be contacted and an interview will be scheduled. The purpose of the interview is to gauge English language skills, attitude, scholarship, and spiritual awareness. The applicant will be asked a series of questions for which verbal responses are required. In addition the applicant must complete a short reading and writing assignment during the interview.

STEP THREE - ACCEPTANCE

Your application will go before a committee to determine your acceptance. If you are accepted to Oakland Christian School, to secure your enrollment, the following additional forms and items are required to be submitted:

1. Payment of a non-refundable deposit \$3,000
2. Signed Enrollment Contract
3. Signed Concussion Form
4. Official transcripts received from your school (a paper copy sent from the institution you attended mailed directly to Oakland Christian School)
5. Release of Records (if transferring from another U.S. school)



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STEP FOUR – ISSUE I-20 AND OBTAIN F-1 VISA

Once all documents have been submitted and the tuition deposit has been received, Oakland Christian School will issue a form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," and mail it along with your official acceptance letter. You will use this form, along with the acceptance letter and enrollment contract, to obtain your F-1 student visa at your local United States Consulate or Embassy.

The I-20 is a Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Students that is used to show reason for entry into the United States. As an F-1 international student, you must pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee after you receive your Form I-20, and before you apply for a visa with the U.S. Department of State. The SEVIS fee for F-1 students is \$200 and can be paid on FMJFee.com. The SEVIS fee is separate from, and in addition to, the visa application fee. It is important to understand that the nature of an F-1 student visa assumes that you will return to your home country upon completion of studies and any authorized practical training.

Each country is different in how they process student visas. It may be necessary to make an appointment prior to receiving the I-20 as long as you have it in your possession at the time of the appointment. Please contact the embassy or consulate nearest you for specific details

STEP FIVE – TUITION PAYMENT

Tuition must be paid in full per the date on the enrollment contract, or within ten days of receiving the F-1 visa.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Huntington Bank Account Holder Name	Oakland Christian School 3075 Shimmons Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Huntington Bank – Columbus Branch	41 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215
Huntington Bank Account #: 01382322175	Huntington Bank SWIFT CODE: HUNTUS33

STEP SIX – HOST FAMILY MATCH

When the student has successfully obtained a visa, the student will be asked to provide a letter of introduction to their host families.

The International Student Coordinator will match the successful applicant with a host family. Host family matches will be made by July 1.

STEP SEVEN – TRAVEL PLANS

Submit travel information - date, time, airline(s), flight(s) for arrival. Follow the dates in the enrollment contract.