



ASCENT
COLLEGE

International Students

Prospective students must submit evidence of completion of a secondary school program. This completion could be demonstrated by an official transcript from the secondary institution. All applicants who have (or will) complete secondary school outside of the United States must provide an official secondary school transcript directly from all schools attended and, where appropriate, official results and certificates of completion from a national secondary school examination. All applicants with foreign academic transcripts and certificates must provide official copies of those credentials in the native language with a certified English translation.

If you have completed college coursework, please submit all official university or college transcripts in your native language with certified English translation. Transcripts should be sent from the previous institutions directly to Ascent College.

Ascent College seeks to enroll international students who demonstrate strong academic performance with records suggesting potential at Ascent College. Undergraduate admission is competitive and is most often offered to applicants whose academic credentials indicate marks of “very good” to “excellent”.

All students at Ascent College are expected to read, write, and speak English fluently. International students must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The TOEFL is administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at numerous locations throughout the world. If not available locally, the Bulletin of Information and Registration form for TOEFL can be obtained by writing to:

TOEFL

P.O. Box 6154

Princeton, NJ 08541-6154

Or online at <http://www.toefl.org/>

A score of 500 and above on the paper-based test or 233 and above on the Computer-based test (CBT) (with no sectional score below 50) or a score of 84 and above on the internet-based test (IBT) may qualify an applicant for admission.

Undergraduate applicants who earn an SAT 1 verbal score of 480 or higher do not need to take or submit scores from an English proficiency exam.

Non-native speakers of English who have earned a degree from the United States, United Kingdom, English-speaking Canada, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and commonwealth Caribbean are exempt from presenting TOEFL scores. Students with a music- performance degree from a U.S. institution are required to submit a TOEFL score to Bethel College. Native speakers of English are defined as those who have received all of their education in the countries listed above.

There are more than a dozen African countries where English is an official language. These include Zimbabwe, Uganda, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Liberia, South Africa, and Nigeria. If students can present evidence that their education was in English they would not be required to take the TOEFL.

Applicants currently holding or intending to seek an F-1 Student visa to study in the United States must complete the Certification of Finances, including bank statements that demonstrate sufficient funds to cover these expenses. International applicants requiring an F-1 visa to attend Ascent College must certify sufficient funds to cover tuition and fees, books and supplies, living expenses, and medical insurance for themselves and any dependents.

A valid passport and proper medical documentation are required for leaving the home country and for the issuance of a student visa upon entering the United States.

Due to additional requirements, international students should allow a minimum of one year to complete the application process.

Include updated international student finance forms here

International students must also complete the following prior to being admitted:

- Complete application online at Ascent.edu
- Submit application fee of \$25.00
- Pastoral Reference
- Personal Reference

- ❑ Biographical Essay entitled “Why Ascent College?” This essay should be two pages (typed double spaced) explaining your testimony and why you feel called to Ascent College.
- ❑ Official high school transcripts or official record of GED or official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- ❑ \$100 non-refundable deposit received