

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MANKATO

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Undergraduate Admission Application for International Students

Undergraduate Admissions Instructions, Requirements & Procedures

This Application is to be used by international students applying as freshmen and as transfer students.

This application is current as of AUGUST 2009.

PRIORITY Application Deadlines:

The application form and ALL supporting documentation should reach the Minnesota State University, Mankato Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the following deadline dates:

Students currently not living in the United States and applying from another country:

- April 1 for the August term.
- September 1 for the January term.
- Admission will not be granted for the May (summer) term for students not currently studying in the U.S.

Students currently studying in the U.S. and attending a U.S. college, university, or high school:

- June 1 for the August term.
- November 1 for the January term.
- March 1 for the May (summer) term.

Send All Documents to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Minnesota State University, Mankato
122 Taylor Center
Mankato, MN 56001 U.S.A.

Application Instructions/Checklist:

All the following information and forms must be provided to be considered for admission to Minnesota State University, Mankato:

- APPLICATION FEE:** Submit your \$20.00 application fee made payable to Minnesota State University, Mankato through a U.S. bank or with a U.S. Money Order or Bank Draft. This fee may also be paid by the use of a credit card (see Number 14 on the application page 2).
- APPLICATION FORM:** Complete the application form including all required signatures (pages 1 & 2 of the document).
- FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Fully complete **ALL** sections of the Financial Statement (pages 3 & 4 of the document).
- BANK STATEMENTS:** Along with the Financial Statement, you must furnish RECENT (no more than 3 months old), legal bank statements or scholarship awards verifying the availability of \$18,895 U.S. or the equivalent in another currency for the adjusted cost of enrollment at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Students should expect a cost increase in each subsequent year at Minnesota State University, Mankato. (See Cost Budget breakdown on page 7 of this document).
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AGREEMENT:** Please read, sign, and return the International Student Agreement (page 5 of the document).
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR FORM:** Complete ONLY if you are currently attending a university/college in the United States. Have the international student advisor from the university/college you are attending in the U.S. fill out the International Student Advisor form (page 6 of the document).
- ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:** Provide documentation in one of the following ways: TOEFL with a score of 500 or better on the paper and pencil exam or 173 or better on the computer based exam or 61 or better on the WEB-BASED (iBT) exam (**Minnesota State University, Mankato's TOEFL code is 6677**); **OR** completion of Level 109 at an English Language School (ELS); **OR** a minimum score of 80 on the Michigan Test of English Proficiency; **OR** a minimum of 5.5 on the IELTS exam **OR**, students transferring from a U.S. college or university may satisfy the English proficiency requirement by the completion of one semester of Freshman English Composition I with a C or better grade. If the student is transferring from a school that is on the quarter system they would have to complete Freshman Composition I & II with a C or better grade.
- PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Please write a one-page essay in English. Describe your background, interests, purpose for studying at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and how this education will benefit you and your career.
- TRANSCRIPTS, TEST RESULTS, DIPLOMAS, and CERTIFICATES:** Provide to Minnesota State University, Mankato records of every secondary and post-secondary institution you have attended. Records must be originals, or certified or notarized Photocopies (see academic requirements that follow). They also must be translated into English.

(APPLICATION INFORMATION CONTINUED)

Academic Requirements:

1. Freshman Applicants:

Must provide proof of completion of secondary education (generally 12 years) and be eligible for acceptance into the universities in their home countries.

2. Transfer Applicants from universities OUTSIDE the U.S.:

- Must satisfy equivalent academic standards to those required of students transferring from U.S. schools.
- Transcripts submitted with the application will be used to determine the academic qualifications of the applying student. If the academic performance proves to be satisfactory, the student may be accepted to the University.
- **Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE):** After acceptance, all transcripts or academic records from universities outside of the U.S. must be evaluated by an outside agency as confirmation of the courses taken and the grades earned. We recommend using ECE. The form necessary to request the ECE evaluation will be mailed at the same time as the letter of acceptance and the I-20. Students wishing to begin the ECE process prior to being accepted may request the form at any time. There are other recognized credit evaluation agencies and their names will be supplied upon request. They are also listed on the following web site: <http://www.naces.org/> If a student uses one of the other recognized agencies the evaluation will be accepted unless the department of the student's program of study specifies the agency they require. **Minnesota State Mankato's College of Science, Engineering and Technology majors REQUIRE the "subject analysis" ECE.** Most agencies charge approximately the same price.

3. Transfer Applicants from U.S. colleges and universities:

International students transferring from U.S. colleges and universities must satisfy the same academic admission standards as U.S. transfer students. Those requirements are a cumulative U.S. grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and the successful completion of 67% of all attempted courses. Courses used for the GPA and completion percentage calculation must be college level and do not include "English as a Second Language" courses. Students transferring from a U.S. school, but also having foreign university credits to transfer, must have their non-U.S. college or university credits evaluated by an outside agency as outlined in 2 above.

For Additional Information:

Voice Telephone: 507-389-1822 or Toll Free (within the U.S.): 800-722-0544

MRS/TTY Telephone (hearing-impaired within the U.S.): 800-627-3529 or 711

E-mail: intladmt@mnsu.edu

Web site: <http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/international/application/apply.html>

NOTE: The college/university is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. The college/university is asking for this information in order to process your application.

You are not legally required to provide the information the college/university is requesting; however, the college/university may not be able to effectively process your application if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to school officials, including faculty who have legitimate educational interests in the information. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent:

- to other schools in which you seek or intend to enroll, or are enrolled, if you are first notified of the release;
- to federal, state or local officials for purposes of program compliance, audit or evaluation;
- as appropriate in connection with your application for, or receipt of, financial aid;
- to your parents, if your parents claim you as a dependent student for tax purposes;
- if information is sought with a subpoena, court order, or otherwise permitted by other state or federal law, and
- to an organization engaged in educational research or accrediting agency.

The University annually publishes "Partners in Safety" which includes the most recent three years of reported campus crime statistics along with safety policies, procedures, and programs. The report is available from Security at 507-389-2111 (V/TTY), e-mail at security@mnsu.edu or on the web at <http://www.mnsu.edu/safety>.

Placement & Occupational Outlook for Majors are available at www.mnsu.edu/cdc/ (Click on Resources and then Graduate Statistics.)

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities abide by the provisions of Title IX and other federal and state laws forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or handicap and all other state and federal laws regarding equal opportunity. This document is available in alternative format to individuals with disabilities by calling the Office of Admissions at 507-389-1822 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY).

Minnesota State University, Mankato

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Minnesota State University, Mankato
122 Taylor Center
Mankato, MN 56001 U.S.A.

This application is current as of AUGUST 2009.

Telephone: 507-389-1822 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY)

E-mail: intladmt@mnsu.edu

Web site: <http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/international/application/apply.html>

When do you wish to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato (Check One):

___ August ___ January ___ May (Summer) YEAR: _____ (fill in)

Please Type (Or Print Legibly)

Many colleges/universities use social security numbers for student identification purposes on student records. Providing your social security number is voluntary. If you do not provide this number, your application will still be processed. This data is requested for purposes of administration, program evaluation, and consumer data. Your number may also be used to create summary information about MnSCU programs through data matches with other state agencies.

1. U.S. Social Security Number: ___ - ___ - ___
(If you have obtained one)

2. _____
(Last or Family Name/Surname) (First or Given Name) (Middle Name)
VERY IMPORTANT: The name spelling used on all documents must be the same as on your passport and previous U.S. visa (if any). Minnesota State Mankato will produce a legal immigration document based on this information.

3. Complete Permanent Home Country Address (REQUIRED): _____
(Street Address or Location Description – CANNOT be only a P.O. Box)

(City) (Country) (Zip) (Telephone Number)

4. Present Mailing Address: _____
(Street and Number)

(City) (State or Country) (Zip) (Telephone Number)

5. Date of Birth: _____ City and Country of Birth: _____
(Western Calendar) Month / Day / Year
Country of Citizenship: _____
Passport # _____ (Copy of Passport ID NAME page is required)

6. In which field of study are you pursuing a degree: (REQUIRED) _____
(Examples: physics, business and CANNOT be undecided)

7. Native language: _____

8. Person to contact in case of emergency: _____
(Name) (Relationship)

(Street and Number)

(City) (State or Country) (Zip) (Telephone Number)

9. Please indicate how you will document your English proficiency (Check one):
English proficiency requirements will not be waived for anyone from a non-English speaking country.
___ TOEFL (Score of 500 or better – paper; OR 173 or better – computer; or 61 or better – iBT/web-based)
___ Completion of Level 109 at an English Language School OR English Composition at a U.S. college/university (non-ESL)
___ Intl. English Language Testing System (IELTS) with Band Score 5.5 or higher
___ Other: Explain: _____

10. If you are already in the United States, please provide the following:
a. **A copy of your I-94.**
b. **VISA INFORMATION:**
Specify type of visa you now hold: F (Student) J (Exchange) H (Temp Worker) B (Visitor)
 Other. Specify: _____

Do you plan to change to an F-1 (if you now have another type of visa)? Yes No

NOTE: Permanent residents/immigrants/refugees should complete a U.S. High School or Transfer Application form.

c. Are you currently attending a U.S. school? Yes No
If yes, what school are you attending? _____
City _____ State _____
If different than above, what U.S. school issued your last I-20? _____
City _____ State _____

11. **REQUIRED Educational Background:**

Be sure to list **ALL** your **NON-U.S. and U.S. secondary and post-secondary schooling**. Complete **ALL** columns for each school, beginning with secondary school and ending with your current or most recent school.

Name of School	Location of School	Dates of Attendance	Type of School Secondary, Post-Secondary	Language of Instruction	Degrees	Date Received

12. Please account for any years that you were not in school:

Dates (Month/Year to Month/Year)

Description of Activity

13. Do you have a personal e-mail address where you can be easily reached? If so, and you would like to communicate about the application process by e-mail, PLEASE **PRINT** VERY CLEARLY YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.

NOTE: UPON APPROVAL OF ADMISSION: An e-mail will be sent to you that will contain information on the next steps of enrollment and how to receive your immigration documents by courier.

14. If you wish to pay your application fee (\$20.00 U.S.) by the use of a MASTERCARD, VISA or DISCOVER CARD, please provide the credit card number and expiration date in the space provided below.

Credit Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Verification code: _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Name of Credit Card Holder _____

Type of Card (please check): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

15. This application and supporting documents become the property of Minnesota State University, Mankato.

*With the **REQUIRED** signature and date that follows, I certify that the information provided in this application and all other admission application materials is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation of application information is sufficient grounds for canceling my admission.*

(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

Send All Application Materials to:
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122 Taylor Center
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, MN 56001 U.S.A.

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507-389-1822 (M), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY)

E-mail: intladm@mnsu.edu

Web site: <http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/international/application/apply.html>

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Financial Statement For Undergraduate International Student Application

IMPORTANT: RETURN THIS WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION. FAILURE TO RESPOND TO ALL QUESTIONS, REQUIREMENTS, AND BLANKS WILL DELAY THE PROCESS OF ADMISSION. THIS STATEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED EVEN IF YOU ARE RECEIVING A GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP.

- Admission may be denied if student indicates insufficient amount of support to cover cost.
- The ESTIMATED adjusted cost of attending Minnesota State University, Mankato for a 9 month academic year is approximately \$18,895*. Verification of an additional \$6,500 is needed if you are bringing a spouse/first dependent and \$4,000 for each additional dependent.
- U.S. Homeland Security/Immigration requires that admission decisions be based on academic acceptance and evidence of adequate funds to meet college expenses for the first year and for the entire period you plan to study in the United States.
- There is no financial aid and very limited on-campus work opportunities for students holding student visas (F-1) or exchange visas (J-1). You are NOT permitted to work full-time during the nine month academic year. Dependents of F-1 visa holders, having an F-2 visa, are never permitted to work.
- The lack of adequate financial resources, as stated above, will jeopardize your status as a student in the U.S.

Grey areas must be signed and all appropriate sections must be completed or the form will be returned to the student for completion.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____
(Last or Family Name) (First or Given Name) (Middle Name)

PLEASE INDICATE THE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND AMOUNT YOU ANTICIPATE RECEIVING IN U.S. DOLLARS:

- Personal (student) Resources: U.S. \$ _____
(Original or certified official copies of Bank Statements or letters must be enclosed to verify amounts.)
- Parents or Sponsor Resources: U.S. \$ _____
(Official Certification Form and Original Bank Statement must be enclosed)
PARENT OR SPONSOR MUST SIGN ON THE TOP OF SIDE 2 OF THIS FORM.
- Government Scholarship: U.S. \$ _____
(A signed copy of your letter of award must be enclosed.)
- Other Sources: _____ U.S. \$ _____
(Please specify and provide signed affidavits from authorized persons or agencies.)
_____ U.S. \$ _____

*** TOTAL (REQUIRED)** U.S. \$ _____

* The total funds available should be equal to or higher than \$18,895, the estimated adjusted cost of attending Minnesota State University, Mankato for a 9 month academic year. (See Estimated Annual Expenses for cost breakdown on page 7 of this document)

STUDENT APPLICANT NAME (please print): _____

**PARENT OR SPONSOR'S OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION
OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS**

PARENT OR SPONSOR: Please fill out information below OR submit a separate signed and dated affidavit (letter) of support. **IMPORTANT:** Sponsor name(s) listed here must be EXACTLY the same as the BANK ACCOUNT NAMES.

I certify with my signature that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is true and accurate, and that the funds are available and will be provided as specified.

(Name of parent, relative, sponsor)

(Sponsor's relationship to student)

(Street and Number)

(City)

(State/Country)

(Zip)

Are you sponsoring any other student currently studying in the U.S.? Yes No

If yes, student's name (please print): _____

School student is attending: _____

(SIGNATURE IN ENGLISH OF PARENT, RELATIVE OR SPONSOR)

(DATE)

**STUDENT APPLICANT'S OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION
OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS**

STUDENT APPLICANT: Please provide the REQUIRED signature and date below.

By signing here you are agreeing to the following statement.

I certify with my signature that the total amount of money that I have for my first year of study at Minnesota State University, Mankato is at a minimum \$18,895 (including funds for spouse and children, when applicable), and the total amount available for each subsequent year of study is \$18,895. Further, I certify that the information provided is correct and complete and that I shall notify Minnesota State University, Mankato of any change in my financial circumstances. I understand that inaccurate information can be cause for terminating enrollment at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

(REQUIRED SIGNATURE IN ENGLISH OF STUDENT APPLICANT)

(DATE)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST ANY DEPENDENTS (SPOUSE OR CHILDREN) WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING YOU AND WHO SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON YOUR I-20:

Name (last name, first name) (as it appears on the passport)	Relationship to Applicant	Country of Citizenship	Country of Birth	Birth Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Minnesota State University, Mankato

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AGREEMENT For Undergraduate International Student Application

BEFORE SIGNING THIS FORM, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

By signing this form, I certify that I understand and accept the following conditions and agree to abide by them. **As a condition to my admission, I agree to do the following:**

- I understand that I am required to pay ALL tuition and fees by the designated payment deadline date EACH semester. If I do not pay by the deadline date, I understand I will be prohibited from registering for future semesters. If you do not register, you will have violated your immigration status.
- I will have available sufficient funds for tuition, fees, Health Insurance and living expenses for each year I study at Minnesota State University, Mankato. I recognize that the cost of living is high, that financial aid from the University is not available, and that as a general rule international students are not permitted to work off campus. There may be limited on-campus employment after successful completion of orientation and registration.
- I will take the Minnesota State University, Mankato "English Placement Examination" before I will be allowed to register for academic studies and fulfill the requirements that result from my score on the examination.
- I am responsible for understanding the rules and regulations for being on a student visa in the United States.
- I authorize Minnesota State University, Mankato to release to any U.S. Government Officer information required to determine my compliance with U.S. Homeland Security/Immigration Laws. Further, I understand that the University will report all information required by U.S. Homeland Security/Immigration (such as students who are not registered, are not pursuing a full course of study or are not meeting the minimum academic standards of the University).
- I agree to purchase the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System Health Insurance Plan as a condition of admission and continued enrollment. Exemptions may be granted only to students with government provided national health insurance that exceeds the Minnesota State University, Mankato plan. Annual payment will be required with the anniversary date at the beginning of Fall Semester and on a sliding scale the following semesters.
- I agree to attend all the dates of the required new student Orientation sessions. I will arrive on or before the reporting date as stated on the International Student Office cover letter and the I-20 form.
- I agree, as a student new to the U.S.A., to enroll in the course "International Students in U.S. Higher Education."
- I declare that all the information I have submitted for my application for admission is true, correct and complete.
- I understand and I will comply with the requirements as stated on this agreement. I understand that falsification of any information will jeopardize the issuance of an I-20 and/or may result in Minnesota State University, Mankato revoking its decision to enroll me as a student.
- If I am a transfer student from another U.S.A. school, I will bring an up-to-date, current copy of my I-20 form to be given to the International Student Office upon my arrival at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Printed Name of Applicant: _____
(Last or Family Name) (First or Given Name) (Middle Name)

Signature of Applicant: _____
(Must be signed or will be returned to applicant)

Mailing Address: _____

*****Do Not Write Below This Line*****

This is to certify that I have reviewed the declaration and attached documents and approved issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility.

Signature of University Official _____

Title _____ Date _____

Minnesota State University, Mankato

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR FORM

NOTE: This is not the SEVIS transfer form. It is for the Undergraduate International Student Application Process.

ONLY students currently attending colleges/universities in the United States should have this form completed.

If you are currently attending a college or university in the United States, please **complete the student section and then submit this form** to the International Student Advisor at that institution. The advisor should complete this form and return it directly to our office.

STUDENT SECTION (To be completed by the student applicant BEFORE giving to the International Advisor.)

RE: _____
(Last or Family Name) (First or Given Name) (Middle Name)

Student's U.S. Social Security Number (if previously assigned): _____

I hereby authorize the International Student Advisor at the most recent U.S. university/college I attended to complete this form and mail it directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

(Student Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

Dear International Student Advisor:

The international student whose name appears above has applied for admission to Minnesota State University, Mankato. As part of the admissions review process, please provide answers to the questions below. **This is not the SEVIS transfer form, however, if this student requests a transfer, the Minnesota State University, Mankato F-1 code is SPM214F00215000.**

1. Is the student eligible to return or continue at your institution? yes no
 - A. Has this student maintained full-time academic status as required by U.S. Homeland Security/Immigration? yes no
 - B. Student's initial date of attendance at your school: _____
 - C. Student's last date of attendance at your school: _____
2. What visa status does the student currently hold? _____
 - A. Student's SEVIS number: _____
3. Please list any approved periods of CPT/OPT: _____
4. Please list all periods of a reduced course load authorization: _____
5. Has the student experienced any financial problems while attending your institution? yes no
If yes, please explain: _____

(Print Name of International Student Advisor)

(Institution Name)

(Street Address)

(City and State)

(Zip)

(Advisor E-mail Address)

(Telephone Number)

(Signature of International Student Advisor)

(Date)

Thank you for providing this essential information!

Please Return Form to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Minnesota State University, Mankato
122 Taylor Center
Mankato, MN 56001 U.S.A.
FAX: 507-389-1511

Minnesota State University, Mankato

ESTIMATED ANNUAL EXPENSES

The following is the actual annual cost for international students attending Minnesota State University, Mankato for the 2009-2010 school year. Tuition, fees, and board charges are subject to change by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Tuition and Fees (Estimated)

Fall Semester (12-18 credits with Cultural Contribution Scholarship)	\$3,215.00
Spring Semester (12-18 credits)	\$6,431.00*
TOTAL FOR FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS	\$9,646.00

Room and Board

On-Campus Housing (9 months) (Double occupancy with unlimited meals and \$50 Flex Dollars)	\$5,949.00
TOTAL FOR ROOM AND BOARD (9 months)	\$5,949.00

Miscellaneous Expenses

Books & Supplies	\$1,100.00
Health Insurance	\$1,100.00
Personal Expenses	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
TOTAL FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$3,300.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 9 MONTHS ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR **\$18,895.00**

PLEASE NOTE: The EXPENSES figure is the 9 month academic year 2009-2010. Summer is not included. Additional resources would be needed to cover these costs. The EXPENSE BUDGET for the school year 2010-2011 could see an increase. The final and accurate figure for the school year 2010-2011 will not be known until at least July of 2010.

This budget is current as of **August 2009**.

*First semester reduced tuition and fees rates may continue based on meeting and maintaining the Cultural Contribution scholarship requirements of a 2.5 GPA and 25 completed cultural contribution hours.

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Web site: <http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/international/application/apply.html>

International Student Application: Additional Information

On-Campus Housing Information:

For specific details on meal plans and on-campus housing, contact:

Department of Residential Life
Minnesota State University, Mankato
111 Carkoski Commons
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-389-1011 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY)
Fax: 507-389-2687
E-mail: reslife@mnsu.edu
Web site: www.mnsu.edu/reslife

Meal Plan Information: There are several meal plans from which to choose. Contact the Office of Residential Life for details.

Housing Costs and Application Pre-payment: On-campus housing is available in the Minnesota State University, Mankato Residence Halls (dormitories). Housing on-campus is limited and it is necessary to make arrangements prior to your arrival in the U.S. with the Department of Residential Life at Minnesota State University, Mankato to reserve an on-campus room. An on-campus room application form will be sent to you with your Immigration papers. To reserve a room on-campus, fill out an application and return it as soon as possible to the Department of Residential Life with your \$250 prepayment check. If for some reason you decide not to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato, you must request in writing or by e-mail your room cancellation and request \$200 of the prepayment be returned to you. This must be done prior July 1 in order to get the \$200 refund. \$50 will be retained as a processing fee.

Room and board cost per semester is approximately \$3,000 for a Double Room. Cost may vary slightly depending on which meal plan you choose.

Charges during Winter Break, Thanksgiving and Spring Break: Winter Break on-campus room charges are approximately \$225. There is no charge for Thanksgiving or Spring Breaks. The on-campus cafeterias will not be open to serve food during break periods.

Summer Housing: Summer housing on-campus costs are determined each Spring. The Department of Residential Life may be contacted for specific details.

Furnishings and Services provided:

- Room Furniture (bed, desk, etc.)
- Ethernet (internet) outlet for a computer in each room
- Cable TV outlet in each room
- Paid utilities (water, electric, local telephone)
- No additional charge for laundry
- Vending machines
- Mail service
- Furnished common lounge areas

Student must provide:

- Bed linens, bath towels & accessories
- Student does own washing of clothes, bed & bath linens, etc.
- Student keeps own room clean—there is no maid service

Off-Campus Housing Information:

For specific information about living off-campus, contact the Student Activities Center:

Office of Student Activities Center
Minnesota State University, Mankato
173 Centennial Student Union
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-389-6076 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY)
Fax: 507-389-5632
E-mail: bonnie.lee@mnsu.edu
Web site: <http://www.mnsu.edu/activities/housing/>

International Student Association Programming:

- International student activities and programs are sponsored by the Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney International Center and the International Student Association (ISA). Examples include the International Festival, South Asia Night, African Night, the Friendship Family Program, and Nationality Club programs and events.
- The International Student Association (ISA) is the officially recognized international student organization on campus. This is a cultural and social organization which consists of an ISA Executive Board. The Executive Board Officers govern the individual country organizations. Every international student enrolled at Minnesota State University, Mankato is automatically a member of the ISA.

Working (On- or Off-Campus)

It is the law that no international student may work in the U.S. without approval and a valid work permit. There are two types of work permits: On-Campus and Off-Campus. The international student must maintain full-time student status to be eligible for On- or Off-Campus work authorization.

- **On-Campus Work:** Every international student who desires to work on-campus must apply for an On-Campus Work Permit through the Kearney International Center before working on-campus. Most eligible students can work up to 20 hours per week on campus.
- **Off-Campus Work:** International students wanting to work off-campus must complete one year of study at Minnesota State University, Mankato and consult with the Kearney International Center. (This includes internships within the student's degree program.) International students holding F-1 or J-1 status cannot be engaged in off-campus employment without the appropriate endorsement from the Kearney International Center or United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).

International In-State Tuition Scholarship: Minnesota State University, Mankato awards an International "In-State Tuition" Cultural Contribution Scholarship to F-1 and J-1 international students. This award reduces tuition by approximately 50%. If students wish to continue to receive this award, they must earn a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) and complete 12 credits for letter grade and meets his/her cultural contribution hour obligation each semester may be eligible to maintain their Cultural Contribution Scholarship.

Immigration Information:

- **Explanation of F-1 Visa:** Potential international students must apply for an F-1, foreign student visa, in order to enter the U.S. to study at Minnesota State University, Mankato. An F-1 visa is obtained at the U.S. Consulate that has jurisdiction over the prospective student's area of residency.
- **Explanation of J-1 Visa:** Potential international students who are sponsored by government agencies or other official organizations must obtain a J-1 visa, Exchange Visitor's Program Visa, in order to enter the U.S. to study at Minnesota State University, Mankato. A J-1 visa is obtained at the U.S. Consulate that has jurisdiction over the prospective student's area of residency.
- **For further information see www.mnsu.edu/international or www.mnsu.edu/international/newstudents**

Obtaining and Renewing Passports: The international student's Passport must be in valid standing at all times during their stay and enrollment at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Renewal of Passports can be accomplished through the international student's country Consulate in the U.S.

Status: All F-1 and J-1 international students must maintain full-time student status by carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. They must also maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Student Dependents (F-2 Visa): People holding F-2 visas are the spouses and dependents of F-1 international students. They must enter the U.S. on a valid F-2 visa. The procedure for obtaining an F-2 visa is the same procedure as the F-1 visa.

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A Message from the Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney International Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato

Dear Prospective International Student:

Thank you for your interest in Minnesota State University, Mankato. We are pleased to know that you are considering our university for your educational pursuits. We are confident that your educational experience will be positive and meaningful. Minnesota State University, Mankato is a comprehensive, multi-purpose regional university with an enrollment of approximately 14,000 students and nearly 600 international students.

The greater Mankato community, consisting of Mankato and North Mankato, has a population of approximately 50,000 and is located in the scenic Minnesota River Valley 85 miles (137 km) southwest of the metropolitan area of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Mankato community offers a wide variety of natural beautiful scenery.

Upon arrival and enrollment at Minnesota State University, Mankato, all international students become members of the International Student Association (ISA). The ISA is the officially recognized international student organization on campus. Under the ISA umbrella, many countries have their own nationality club. The ISA, in conjunction with the nationality clubs and the International Student & Scholar Services, sponsors cultural events such as South Asia Night, Africa Night and a large community International Festival. Through these organizations, international students can obtain leadership opportunities. In fact, international students have a long history of leadership within the central student government on campus. Also, international students serve as resources for classroom presentations, international panels and community speaking events with civic organizations, schools and churches. You will have many opportunities to share regarding your home country; so you may want to bring with you some typical dress or instrument you play, etc.

After a prospective student is officially admitted to Minnesota State University, Mankato by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, copies of the admission papers are forwarded to the International Student & Scholar Services within the Kearney International Center. We then issue the appropriate Immigration papers (I-20, DS2019, etc.) to the student. Included with your I-20 or DS2019 Form will be a number of additional forms including a Residence Hall Application Form, and details on your mandatory orientation schedule. The information will provide many details regarding your arrival in Minnesota, requirements, Immigration Rules, etc., and will answer most questions international students may have before they arrive on campus.

Please note that the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (MnSCU) which governs Minnesota State University, Mankato requires that all international students purchase the mandatory university health insurance upon arrival on campus. The health insurance cost is approximately \$1,100 for every 12-month period. Only government-sponsored students whose government is paying for their health insurance may apply for a "Waiver" of the health insurance requirement.

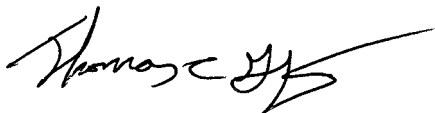
In addition, international students must attend all days of "New International Student Orientation" before they are allowed to register for classes. The dates for Orientation will be sent with your I-20 or DS2019 Form. An English Placement Test and Math Placement Test will be administered during orientation for those required to take them.

You can view our Web Page at: www.mnsu.edu/international for more information.

We look forward to meeting you when you arrive on campus. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us at:

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Sincerely,



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