

Admissions Application Checklist

2026-2027 Academic Year						
INCOMING F-1 CHECKLIST						
Sessions 1-6	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 1
Start Date	October 26, 2026	January 4, 2027	March 1, 2027	May 3, 2027	June 28, 2027	August 30, 2027
Application Deadline	August 17, 2026	October 12, 2026	December 7, 2026	February 8, 2027	April 5, 2027	June 21, 2027
Register within 5 days of visa printing						

REQUIREMENTS	
☐	Online Application: Submit your application - Students will be required to create an account to submit an application. - Once an application is completed, please scan and upload all the required documentation (see list below) to the application portal. - All documents must be in color. Documents that require English translation must include the original document, as well as a copy of a certified translation by a certified professional.
☐	Transcripts: All applicants are required to submit transcripts from previously attended regionally or nationally accredited institutions. Undergraduate program: High school transcript or equivalent, such as GED, TASC, HiSET, or associate's degree - A minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA is required Graduate program: A bachelor's degree - A minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA is required Postgraduate program: A master's degree - A minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA is required Qualifying Transcripts and Diplomas: Documents must be submitted in color, display the full name of the issuing institution, and include all individual and/or consolidated pages. Transcripts must also state the degree conferral date. If the conferral date is not listed, a letter from the issuing institution confirming the program completion date will be required.

	Submitted transcripts will be evaluated internally by Westcliff University's Transcript Department. Evaluations completed by an external agency will only be accepted if the agency is a member in good standing of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). GPA conversions must be included in the submitted official evaluation. Students will be placed into prerequisite courses if there is insufficient evidence in the academic records provided. Students may also be automatically enrolled in the Achieve Bridge Pathway Program if they do not meet the minimum GPA requirement or lack the necessary educational background for their chosen program. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Registrar's Office at TED@westcliff.edu. To view transcript credit requirements for select countries, visit the Transcript Requirements section of our website. Official Transcripts and Diplomas: Applicants may submit unofficial transcripts with their application for evaluation purposes. If admitted, their admission will remain conditional until official transcripts are submitted within 60 days of enrollment. Official transcripts and diplomas may be sent directly by the previous institution to transcript@westcliff.edu or mailed to: Westcliff University Attn: Transcript Department 17877 Von Karman Ave., Suite 400 Irvine, CA 92614 <i>Disclaimer: All requests are subject to review and approval at the University's discretion. Refer to the Transfer Credit Policy in the Catalog and Student Handbook.</i>
☐	Diploma/Certificate of Graduation • Required only if the qualifying degree is from a foreign institution. • Must disclose the date of graduation from the qualifying degree. • May be required upon request.
☐	Passport • Passports must be in color and valid for at least 6 months after the application is submitted.



English Proficiency: All applicants whose native language is not English and who have not earned a degree from an appropriately accredited institution where English is the principal language of instruction must demonstrate college-level proficiency in English.

Approved Language Examinations Include:

Minimum Scores Required		
Undergraduate Program	Graduate Program	Postgraduate Program
TOEFL iBT: 4.0 (Legacy Score: 60)	TOEFL iBT: 4.5 (Legacy Score: 79)	TOEFL iBT: 4.5 (Legacy Score: 79)
IELTS: 5.5	IELTS: 6.0	IELTS: 6.0
Duolingo: 95	Duolingo: 105	Duolingo: 105

- An English Medium of Instruction letter from the qualifying degree program is acceptable if the student cannot provide the scores from the examinations above
- The English proficiency requirement may only be waived if the student has a U.S. degree with 30 semester credits or more from a degree-granting institution.



Required Fees and Alternative Forms of Payment

- Application Fee: \$50
 - Payment can be made via the [Application Portal](#)
 - Alternative option - Flywire: <https://www.flywire.com/pay/westcliff>

NOTICE OF DECISION:

The results of the student's application will be sent to the Admissions Committee for a decision by group consensus.

Accepted: Once a prospective student is admitted into a program, the Letter of Acceptance will be uploaded to their application portal. **If accepted, please see "Requirements for I-20" listed below, which must be submitted within 2 weeks of the application deadline, or the application will be deferred to the next session.**

Application Canceled: Applications that are incomplete by the application deadline will be automatically canceled the day after the deadline.

Denied: If you are not accepted, the Admissions Department will send a letter to you informing you of the decision. Applications will also be denied if fraud is detected.

- Fraud: Altered English proficiency documents, transcripts, or bank statements.
 - If a student is denied for fraud, the student will not be allowed to reapply.

REQUIREMENTS FOR I-20

Bank Statement (Proof of Funds)

All international students must provide evidence of financial support to study and live in the U.S. while enrolled in the program. The document or letter must meet the following requirements:

- Provide an original bank statement or bank letter confirming the account balance. If possible, amounts should be listed in U.S. dollars.
- Must be issued within the last 90 days.
- Must be in English or accompanied by an official English translation from a certified translator.
- Must be a liquid account from which funds can be readily withdrawn, such as a checking or savings account.
- Must clearly state the account holder's name, date, account number, account type, and currency.
- **Minimum required funds for each program can be found here:** [International Students](#)

Digital I-20 Request Form

- This form is accessible to applicants once a letter of acceptance has been issued.
- All required documents for an I-20 can be uploaded to the application portal.
- I-20s will be sent to the student's email upon availability.

Add F2 Dependent(s) (If applicable)

- To add F-2 dependent(s), provide the following: Proof of family relationships: A color copy of the original marriage and/or birth certificate(s), A color copy of the dependent's passport.

Sponsor Affidavit Form (If applicable)

- Must be completed by a sponsor if the student's education or living expenses are being financially supported by someone other than the student.
- The Sponsor Affidavit Form can be found [HERE](#).

I-20 Processing Fee: \$200

- Required to issue an I-20 for applications from select countries.
- Payment can be made via the [Application Portal](#)

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1

Upload F-1 Visa: International students must upload a copy of the F-1 visa before enrolling. Log in to your application portal to upload this item, then notify your admissions advisor.

2

Payment: Students are required to submit a **tuition deposit** to enroll for their intended term.

3

Enrollment Forms: All students are required to submit the Enrollment Agreement, Disclosure Forms, and School Performance Fact Sheet before the start of their program. These forms include an overview of Program Fees & Tuition, Methods of Payment, Payment Plans, Student Cancel and Withdraw Policy, and Student Agreements.

4

Advisory Session: To enroll, students will be required to meet with their advisor for an informational session.

5

Attend New Student Orientation: During orientation, students will become familiar with campus policies and procedures, student portals, and student resources.