



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

TEMPORARY STUDENT VISA (TE)

It is issued to individuals who wish to study in Colombia as a regular academic student in an elementary, middle, or high school institution; as a student of an institution for higher education in virtue of an exchange student program, or in any other program at a public or private institution recognized by the National Government of Colombia. This visa allows multiple entrances and it may be issued for up to one year. It may be renewed in Colombia until the completion of the applicant's studies. This visa does not allow the applicant to work. When the program requires the student to have a labor practice, the visa may state occupation "practicante" previously certified by the educational institution.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Valid Passport with available pages and good at least three (3) months.
- Two (2) photocopies of the pages of the passport containing information, as well as all previously granted visas.
- Two (2) originals of the Visa Application Form completely filled out and duly signed.
- Three (3) color passport-type photographs (1.5"x1.5").
- Original of the Admission Certificate from the Colombian Institution. This certificate may be a copy of the registration certificate or a fully certified copy of the agreement between the educational institutions in the case of an exchange student. It must state that the educational institution commits itself to accept the student covered by the agreement. A Colombian Public Notary must notarize it and it must be certified with an [APOSTILLE](#).
- Proof of legal existence of the Educational Institution in Colombia. This is a certificate known as: (Certificado de Personeria Jurídica) in Colombia. A Colombian Public Notary must notarize it and it must be certified with an [APOSTILLE](#)
- Proof of Financial Solvency. Bank statements of the last three months, certificates of income, income tax, or any other financial documents of the applicant, or affidavit of support from the parents or the person paying for the applicant's studies and related expenses while in Colombia.
- If a scholarship is financing the studies, a certification from the International Organization, or State, or Private institution stating this fact is required. Likewise a certificate of economic solvency of the student or the parents' in case that the financial assistance provided by the scholarship is partial.
- In the case of a minor, authorization to stay in Colombia and assignment of a tutor issued by the minor's parents is required. This letter must be translated into Spanish if originally issued in a language other than Spanish. Both versions must be notarized and certified with an [APOSTILLE](#).
- A document in the original certifying that the study program requires labor practice by the student as an academic requirement.
- A certificate or a document in the original from the corresponding educational institution stating that the weekly class schedule has an intensity of at least ten (10) hours.



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US\$ 40 in cash or money order only (Cost exempt for citizens of: Bolivia, South Korea, Spain, United States and Japan)

If the visa is issued for more than three (3) months, the visa holder should register it in the Immigration Office of the Administrative Department of Security (**Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad - DAS** -) within fifteen (15) working days from the arrival date.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All applicants are required to appear in person at the consulate's office either when submitting the documentation or when receiving the approved visa. **No exceptions.**
- All Documents issued in languages other than Spanish **MUST** be submitted duly **TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH**, and both versions should be **notarized** by a Notary Public. They must be also certified with an **APOSTILLE** by the Office of the Secretary of State at the State where they were issued.
- For U.S citizens the study of the visa application form and documents takes three (3) working days; for non-U.S. citizens it may take up to two (2) weeks, and it is subject to the approval of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.