



RIDGEWATER COLLEGE

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- **APPLY FOR ADMISSION:** www.ridgewater.edu/apply
 - Complete all SEVIS paperwork requirements (included in this packet)
 - Include copy of Passport ID Name Page Copy – Passport will be verified upon arrival to college

Deadline: July 1st for Fall Start | November 1st for Spring Start

- **SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:** Submit certified English translation of high school transcripts and post-secondary transcripts. Transcripts must be originals.
 - Recommend using Education Credential Evaluators (www.ece.org) in Wisconsin, USA.
 - Type of evaluation: Course by course match - \$160 US dollars
- **SUBMIT TWO REFERENCE LETTERS IN ENGLISH:** Provide two letters of recommendation from people who will endorse the student as a good citizen who would benefit from a college experience and can speak to your academic talents. Examples are former teachers, friends, and public officials.
- **ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (if native language is not English):** Test of English as a Foreign Language. Official scores must be sent directly from ETS. Currently, Ridgewater College **does not accept** the IELTS or Duolingo.

Students from the following countries are exempt from the English Proficiency documentation requirement:

Anguilla	Ireland, Northern	Singapore
Antigua and Barbuda	Ireland, Republic of	Solomon Islands
Australia	Jamaica	South Africa
Bahamas	Kenya	Swaziland
Barbados	Lesotho	Tanzania
Belize	Liberia	Tonga
Bermuda	Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Botswana	Malta	Turks and Caicos Islands
British Virgin Islands	Mauritius	Uganda
Cameroon	Montserrat	United Kingdom
Canada (except Quebec)	Namibia	Vanuatu
Cayman Islands	New Zealand	Wales
Dominica	Nigeria	Zambia
England	Papua New Guinea	Zimbabwe
Fiji	St. Kitts and Nevis	
Gambia	St. Lucia	
Ghana	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	
Gibraltar	Scotland	
Grenada	Seychelles	
Guyana	Sierra Leone	

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Type of Exam	Minimum Score	Valid
Paper Based TOEFL (http://www.ets.org/toefl)	520	3 years
Computer Based TOEFL (http://www.ets.org/toefl)	173	3 years
Internet Based TOEFL (http://www.ets.org/toefl)	61	3 years
Successfully complete 12+ credits including completion of English Composition sequence from an accredited US College or University. Must earn a C (2.5 GPA) or better & submit official transcripts.		

- IMMUNIZATIONS:** You must provide written proof of updated immunization against Measles, Rubella, Mumps, Diphtheria and Tetanus
- Financial Statement:** You must submit a notarized, current, original bank statement showing a balance of \$19,413 in U.S. currency to demonstrate adequate financial support to cover all educational expenses while studying at Ridgewater College. The bank statement must be in English, certified by a bank official, and no less than 2 months old at the time of application.

If Accepted to Ridgewater College:

- Complete Course assessment:** Placement into college level English or Math courses will be based on placement scores from Accuplacer*, ACT, SAT, Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, Completion of the Guided Self Placement Process, and/or US high school GPA. If you do not meet one of these standards then you must complete the accuplacer placement exam. You will be sent information on the accuplacer with your acceptance letter.

Options to Waive Accuplacer <i>(last updated 6.20.19)</i>		
Waiver Option	Reading Score	Math Score
SAT	480	530
ACT	21	22
Successful completion of English Composition Sequence from an accredited US College or University (at least 4 credits). Must earn a C or better & submit official transcripts		

- INSURANCE:** All international students and visiting scholars engaged in educational activities are **required to purchase** the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities international student accident and illness insurance plan through the United Student Healthcare Resource: UHCSR (www.uhcsr.com) . Annual payment will be required. Important: This insurance does not cover dental or vision. **Payment must be secured before arrival to the US or students will be dropped from their classes.**
- HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION:** There is no housing available on either campus. Students are responsible for finding their own housing. Information can be found at www.ridgewater.edu/housing additionally; while public transportation is available, it is limited. Students are responsible for their own transportation.
- COMPLETE ORIENTATION, ADVISING & REGISTRATION:** All students are required to complete online orientation and attend and attend an advising and registration day (can be done virtually). International students must be registered for a minimum of 12 credits (full time status) and are **only allowed to take one fully online** course per term.
- PAY TUITION & FEES:** Log into E-Services with your StarID to verify bill and make payment to secure classes. Rates may vary by program. For more information visit <https://www.ridgewater.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-fees/> . Tuition is due by the fifth day of the semester. To avoid being dropped from courses student must pay their bill in full or enroll in a payment plan.

Contact information:

E-mail: international@ridgewater.edu

Willmar Campus

Phone: 320-222-5200

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Hutchinson Campus

Phone: 320-234-8500

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Documentation required for Student Exchange Visitor Program (I-20)

(This application and supporting documents become the property of Ridgewater College.)

Desired Enrollment Date: Year _____ Fall Semester Spring Semester

Campus You Want to Attend: Willmar Hutchinson

Intended Major: _____

Passport ID Number: _____

(Include a copy of your Passport ID)

SEVIS ID Number (If already on a student VISA): _____

 Last Name (Family Surname, on Passport) First (Given-Personal, On Passport) Middle

 Home Country Address Street City State/Providence

 Country Postal code Area Code Telephone E-Mail Address

 City & Country of Birth Date of Birth

 Country of Nationality Country of Citizenship

 Exact Mailing Address Street City State/Providence Country

 US Social Security Number (if available) Country of Citizenship Permanent Resident of Country

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 also may be used to create summary information about Minnesota State programs through data matches with other state agencies.

 Name of Intended Program or Major Your Native Language

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In the United States:

 Name (Last, First, Middle) Relationship

 Street Address, City, State, ZIP code Telephone Number

In Home Country:

 Name (Last, First, Middle) Relationship E-Mail & Telephone

Financial Statement
For International Student Applicants

**IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO RESPOND TO ALL QUESTIONS, REQUIREMENTS, AND
BLANKS WILL DELAY THE PROCESS OF ADMISSION.**

- **The ESTIMATED cost of attending Ridgewater College is approximately \$19,413.** Verification of an additional \$5,500 is needed if you are bringing a spouse and \$2,700 for each child.
- The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization (INA) 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.
- Students holding student visas (F-1) or exchange visas (J-1) will not be authorized to work. 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.
- **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** TO COVER YOUR FIRST YEAR.**

1. Personal Resources: U.S. \$ _____
(Original bank statements must be enclosed to verify amounts.)
2. Parents or Sponsor: U.S. \$ _____
(Official Certification Form and Original Bank Statement must be enclosed.)
PARENT OR SPONSOR MUST SIGN ON SIDE 2 OF THIS FORM.
3. Government Scholarship: U.S. \$ _____
(A signed copy of your letter of award must be enclosed.)

BANK/FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENT CERTIFICATION	
<small>This is to certify that I believe the above sponsor has made ample funds available to meet the expenses outlined above for the duration of the student's stay at Ridgewater College. This certification does not constitute a statement of liability on my part or that of the firm or the bank I represent</small>	
THIS SPACE IS FOR STAMP/SEAL OF BANK OR BANK OFFICIAL	Bank Official Signature: _____ Bank Official Name: _____ Bank Official Title: _____ Bank Name: _____ Bank Address: _____ _____ _____ Date: _____

The total funds available should be equal to or higher than **\$19,413**.

PARENT OR SPONSOR: Please fill out information below.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS FROM PARENT OR SPONSOR

This is to certify 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. I acknowledge and accept the financial responsibility of _____ (student's name) for the academic duration of his / her study at Ridgewater College. Original bank statements must be attached. This amount of financial resources in U.S. dollars and the account must have been in existence for six months or more.

(Name of parent, relative, sponsor)

(Relationship to applicant)

(Street and Number)

(City)

(State/Country)

(ZIP)

(Signature of parent, relative, sponsor)

(Date)

APPLICANT: Please fill out information below.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS

I certify that the total amount of money that I have for my first year of study at Ridgewater College (including funds for spouse and children, if applicable) is \$ _____ and the total amount available for each subsequent year of study is \$ _____. Further, I certify that the information provided is correct and complete, and that I shall notify Ridgewater College of any change in my financial circumstances. I understand that inaccurate information can be cause for terminating enrollment at Ridgewater College.

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING YOU:

Name

Relationship to You

Birthdate

Health Insurance Agreement

Background:

Health insurance is required for all F-1 international students at Ridgewater College. This requirement provides a healthcare plan and protects against financial hardship resulting from the need for medical care.

The United States does not have a national health care system available to non-immigrant students; therefore, the cost of medical care is the responsibility of each individual student. Healthcare in the U.S. is very expensive. Without insurance, one doctor's visit can cost hundreds of dollars. One emergency room visit can cost thousands.

International students must purchase the system-approved health insurance, per the Minnesota State policy: [Undergraduate Admissions Policy Part 5, Subpart B, #2](#):

“International students shall purchase the system-approved student health insurance, except those students whose sponsoring agency or government certifies that the student is covered under a plan provided by the sponsoring agency or government.”

Payment:

New students must pay the required insurance premium before registering for first semester classes.

Continuing students must pay the full annual insurance premium each year by August 10. Students who do not pay in full by the deadline will have their fall classes dropped and will risk termination of their visa due to nonenrolment. Students will not be allowed to re-register until their premium is paid.

Students should budget in preparation to pay approximately \$2,300 for the annual insurance premium each year. The exact amount is variable.

International Student Services will notify students of the annual premium amounts as it is available (usually early August).

Students who transfer out, graduate, or withdraw and depart the US prior to the end of their insurance coverage may petition for a refund on a prorated basis through the insurance company. International Student Services can assist students with this petition.

Agreement:

By signing below, I agree to remain in compliance with the procedures set forth by Ridgewater College and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system regarding International Student Health Insurance. I understand that I will be required to make annual payments for my health insurance coverage and that if I do not pay my insurance premium by the appropriate deadline that I will be dropped from my classes and not be allowed to re-register until my premium is paid.

Signature: _____

Date: _____