



Dear International Student Applicant:

Thank you for your expressed interest in attending Ridgewater College. Ridgewater College is a two-year community & technical college located in central Minnesota with offerings in technical/occupational and transfer/liberal arts education. For information about the Hutchinson community, you can visit www.hutchinsonchamber.com and for information on the Willmar community, you can visit www.willmarareachamber.com.

Once you have completed the online application at www.ridgeawater.edu/apply and have paid your \$20 application fee in US dollars your next steps are to submit additional paperwork necessary for the Student Exchange Visitor Program.

You will not be contacted until all application materials have been received.

When I have received all of the above, I will review your file. If accepted I will be happy to send you a letter of acceptance and an I-20 form. **You will then need to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.** For SEVIS I-901 fee instructions, go to www.FMJfee.com.

Once accepted you will be required to purchase health insurance as mandated by Minnesota State Universities and Colleges. In addition to insurance, you will need to provide a copy of your lease/statement from host family to demonstrate you have secured housing. All international students are required to attend an orientation day before registering for classes.

Applicants applying outside the U.S. need to take their valid passport, I-20 and proof of financial support for one year to the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. **Upon arrival in the U.S., you will need to present your I-94 (usually stapled to your passport) and your most recent VISA stamp.**

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions you may have or to check on the status of your application. Should you wish to set up a FaceTime or Skype appointment please email me at jehana.schwandt@ridgewater.edu.

Sincerely,

Jehana Schwandt

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College School Official for International Students

WILLMAR CAMPUS

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Willmar, MN 56201
320-222-5200 | 1-800-722-1151
FAX 320-222-5212

HUTCHINSON CAMPUS

2 Century Ave SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350
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www.ridgewater.edu

Started at Ridgewater

- **APPLY FOR ADMISSION:** www.ridgewater.edu/applynow
 - Paper copies are available upon request
- **PAY APP FEE:** Payment of \$20 (non-refundable application fee) in United States Currency
- **SUBMIT 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
- **ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:** Provide documentation in one of the following ways: TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language) and have the score sent to the Ridgewater College Admissions office. The institutional number for the Hutchinson campus is 7630 and the Willmar campus is 6949. **You must have a minimum score of 500 (paper-based total), 173 (computer-based total) or 61 (internet-based total)** or successfully complete the equivalent of one semester of a Freshman English sequence with a grade of “C” or better at an accredited United States college or university. For more information on TOEFL, see their website at: www.toefl.org.
- **TAKE ACCUPLACER:** Schedule placement test remotely by calling 1-800-722-1151 or contacting Heather Wright at Heather.Wright@ridgewater.edu .
- **REFERENCES:** Provide letters of recommendation from two people; they should include a former teacher, public official, or a friend who will recommend you as a good citizen who would benefit from a college experience.
- **IMMUNIZATIONS:** You must provide written proof of updated immunization against Measles, Rubella, Mumps, Diphtheria and Tetanus. Once accepted we will have you complete an electronic form.
- **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, unless they can provide written verification that their government or sponsoring agency accepts full responsibility for any medical claims that might occur. Annual payment will be required. **Payment must be secured before arrival to the US.**
- **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.
- **ATTEND ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION:** All international students are required to attend an orientation and registration day. 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 – verify bill and make payment to secure classes.
 - Tuition rate for Fall 2019 has not been set yet. Current rate: On campus: \$180.94/online \$201.28
 - **Fall 2019 due date:** August 5, 2019 | **Spring 2020 due date:** December 19, 2019

RIDGEWATER COLLEGE

Documentation required for Student Exchange Visitor Program

(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

 Last Name (Family Surname) First (Given-Personal) Middle

 Home Country Address Street City State/Province

 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/Province Country

 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 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 \$17,434. 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.)
4. Other Sources:
(Please specify and provide signed affidavits from authorized persons or agencies.)

	U.S. \$
	U.S. \$
* TOTAL	U.S. \$

*The total funds available should be equal to or higher than \$ 17,434 , the estimated cost of attending Ridgewater College for a calendar year.

--PLEASE TURN OVER--

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. Original bank statement 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____