International Students

Stillman College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. International students are advised to inquire at least one year in advance of the anticipated date of admission about test requirements. To apply to the college, international students must submit the following material by March 1, for the fall semester; August 1, for the spring semester; and February 1, for the summer term:

1. The \$20 non-refundable application fee in U.S. dollars in the form of a money order or certified check, made payable to Stillman College; cash should not be sent.

- Please send certified checks or money orders to the following address:
 - Attention: International Affairs
 - 3601 Stillman Blvd.
 - Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

2. Official certificates and /or final secondary school records university transcripts, mark sheets and official translations, (in English) should be sent to World Education Services or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for evaluation with the appropriate fee:

- World Education Services
 - PO Box 5087

Bowling Green Station, New York, NY 10274-5087

Or via email at <u>https://www.wes.org/</u>.

• Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) by phone at (414) 289-3400 or by email at evalece.org.

3. Current Stillman College policies require that any courses accepted for transfer must come from institutions affiliated with a regional accrediting agency located in the United States.

4. Current Stillman College policies require results from the ACT or SAT for regular degree students.

5. Current Stillman College policies require scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for applicants whose native language is not English. Once the application for admission has been received, the Office of Admissions will inform students whether they must take this test.

6. Once all documents have been received, verified, and evaluated, the Office of Admissions will inform the student of his / her status.

7. OFFICIAL TEST SCORES OF TOEFL, SAT, OR ACT MUST BE SENT TO STILLMAN DIRECTLY FROM THE APPROPRIATE TESTING AGENCY.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Department of Homeland Security regulations require that all international applicants who plan to attend schools in the U.S. must show proof that they have the funds necessary for their studies. A sponsor living in the U.S. who will provide financial support for the prospective student must sign an affidavit. The declaration of financial support must be signed and notarized by the student and sponsor, indicating who will pay for the cost of attendance. The bank must send a letter on original letterhead stationery documenting that the sponsor has funds available to support the student directly to Stillman. The bank letter must be dated within the last three months.

The I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility) is not issued until the applicant has (1) been admitted by the Office of Admissions, and (2) submitted a financial statement indicating how fees will be met while attending the college.

All international students are required to pursue a full course of study. This means that undergraduates must register for a minimum of 12 credits per semester.

THE REGULATIONS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH LITTLE OR NO NOTICE.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMAIN ABREAST OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND COMMUNICATE NEEDS/CONCERNS WITH THE PDSO/DSO. Pertinent information can be found at <u>www.studyinthestates.gov</u>