

Applying for a Student Authorization By Mail To the Canadian Consulate in Buffalo

If you are in Canada as a visitor and you want to study in . . . School for 6 months or longer, you must apply for a student authorization (student visa) outside Canada before you begin your 4th month of studies.

Most students apply for their authorization through the nearest Canadian Consulate in Buffalo, USA at the following address:

The Consulate General of Canada
1 Marine Midland Centre, Suite 3550
Buffalo, New York, USA
14203-2884

Telephone: 716-858-9500

How to apply for a student authorization by mail:

Step 1

Mail the application form and enclose:

- ❖ A photocopy of your passport
- ❖ The original Letter of Acceptance
- ❖ Proof of funds (bank statement), and/or proof of funds from a sponsor (this can be a bank statement or a letter from the Sponsor's employer which gives the approximate yearly earnings)
- ❖ Application free of Cnd \$125 – you can pay by certified cheque, traveller's cheque or money order (payable to 'The Receiver General of Canada')

Step 2

The Consulate will send you a notice of your interview date and time to go get your student authorization.

Sometimes, the Consulate will send you your student authorization in the mail. In this case, you must exit Canada and come back in again. When you cross the border, the immigration officer will validate your student authorization.

What happens if you receive your student visa from the Consulate in the mail but you don't have a Unites States entry visa?

If you do not have a United States entry visa, you can apply for one at the Consulate General of the United States in Toronto. Take along the letter from the Canadian Consulate when you go.

Or,

You can send your passport together with the student authorization to the Consulate General in Buffalo. The Consulate will validate your visa. Please be certain to send your documents by courier to guarantee the safe arrival of your documents.

Notes: For some students, a medical exam may be required.

Step 3

Once you have obtained your student authorization, please bring it to the office so that we can ensure that your visa is correct.