



NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
National High School Institute
2024 Information for International Students

Do I need to submit an English Language Test Score (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo)?

Yes: All curriculum is in English, and students whose concentrations are performance-based are required to read and discuss scripts daily, with no time for translating in between. We need to verify your English proficiency with a test score.

Do I need a Student Visa or an I-20?

No: All NHSI programs are taken as non-credit. Students only need a [B-2 Tourist Visa](#), which covers "Enrollment in a short recreational course of study, not for credit toward a degree"

Can International Students receive Financial Aid?

Yes, however: Financial Aid allocated for international students varies from year to year, and funds are limited. **For the 2024 season, we do not anticipate that we'll have any aid to award international applicants. Please be prepared to pay in full.**

Do I need health insurance?

Yes: In case of medical emergency, students must carry proof of insurance. Please check with your current health insurance to make sure they offer coverage in the U.S. If they do not, please obtain travel health insurance. Students must also carry a credit card or debit card to cover incidental medical costs (such as co-payment).

Do I need a cell phone?

Yes: If you do not currently have a cell phone that has service in the U.S., please plan to purchase a cell phone once in the U.S. and provide that phone number to the NHSI. All international students must always have a working cell phone on their person.

Important: If, while attending the NHSI, a student is experiencing a medical, psychological or other health-related concern that exceeds the NHSI's ability to ensure their safety – or the safety of other NHSI students or staff – the student's caregiver(s) will be notified and will need to arrange for an adult to check the student out of the program within 24 hours. If your parent does not speak English and/or cannot receive calls from the U.S., they must provide us with a contact that can be reached in case of an emergency of this nature.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with more questions: nhsi@northwestern.edu