

Thank you for your interest in East Texas Baptist University!

- 1. **APPLICATION:** To apply for admission as a first-time freshman, submit the following:
 - > Signed application and \$50 application fee
 - ➤ Housing application (single student or family)
 - > Certification for Finances and bank statements
 - ➤ Official High School transcript (in English)

 NOTE: Students with 24 or more transferable college credits should apply as a <u>TRANSFER STUDENT</u>
 - ➤ Headmaster Recommendation Form
 - ➤ TOEFL, IELTS, or other English Proficiency Test scores

 Official TOEFL score reports (see www.ets.org) should be sent to ETBU (school code 6187)

 NOTE: Students who have completed a year or more of formal education taught in English are exempt
 - Photocopy of Passport

These forms can be downloaded and printed from our website at www.etbu.edu/international-forms; please mail or fax these documents to us at the address listed below, or you will notice that some of the forms are available to be viewed, completed, and submitted online.

After you have been accepted, ETBU will issue you a Form I-20 which you may use to apply for a student (F-1) visa at the US embassy or consulate in your country. Also when accepted, you are assigned an official ETBU TigerMail email address. We will notify you when and how to begin accessing this email account for important information and notifications.

2. **FINANCES** - The cost for the current year of study (2014-2015) is \$29,590 (includes tuition for 28 credits, general student fees, room and food, but NOT books, insurance, or personal expenses). To secure your visa, you will be required to show that you have \$32,390 available support (including any financial aid) for at least your first year of study. ETBU offers a Guaranteed Tuition Option which ensures that tuition costs will not increase for four years.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The third page of the ETBU Application for Admission is to apply for the International Student Scholarship. By agreeing to represent your country at least once or twice per semester, you will be provided the International Student Scholarship, valued at \$10,000 per year for four years. You may apply for additional academic scholarships (valued at \$4,000 per year). Contact the Department Chair of your major field of study. You are also eligible for on-campus employment through the Work/Study Program where you will earn approx \$2,800 per year.

Complete the CERTIFICATE OF FINANCES showing what financial support you have for each year. Then sign it and submit bank statements or other documents verifying your ability to pay. You may fax the form and statements. Your financial plan must be complete (for four years of study) prior to acceptance and issuance of the Form I-20.

3. **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**: Upon your arrival at ETBU you will also be required to submit a Health Information Form and immunization record complete with meningitis vaccination. This form is also on our website at the link above.

Additional information about ETBU and our international program can be found at www.etbu.edu/international. I look forward to helping you find your place at ETBU. Please e-mail me with any questions you may have.

Blessings,

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