

Inviting Family Members to Visit You in the U.S.

According to guidance from the U.S. Department of State, an invitation letter from MCC is not needed for your relatives to apply for a visitor's visa. For specific instructions regarding what is needed for the B-1/B-2 visa, please refer your family member to the website of the embassy/consulate where they will apply for the visa.

Writing Your Own Invitation Letter

As a student in F-1/J-1 status, you are advised to write your own invitation letters for family members. Your letter should confirm that you are a Mesa Community College student and that you would like to invite your family member to visit you in the U.S. You should also include your family member's name, birth date, relationship to you, passport number, and whether you will provide for their room and board during their visit.

In addition, you can request an "Enrollment Verification" document from the Enrollment Center at MCC to accompany your invitation letter.

Additional Documentation

Depending on the U.S. embassy/consulate that your relative(s) will visit, other documentation may be required. This can include planned itineraries or schedules, family registers and/or photos evidencing relationship, copies of your passport, etc. Be sure to visit the particular embassy or consulate website for a full list of required documentation. You can locate the websites for all embassies and consulates at this link: <http://www.usembassy.gov/>.

Whenever possible, original letters should be sent to relatives abroad to accompany their visa applications.

Sample Invitation Letter

Please see below for a sample invitation letter. Be sure to replace any bolded/highlighted text with information relevant to your visitor.

[SAMPLE INVITATION LETTER FOR F-1/J-1 STUDENTS]

[DATE]

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to invite **(name of visitor)**, my **(relationship)**, to visit me in Mesa, Arizona for **(reason)**. I am currently a full-time student at Mesa Community College studying **(ESL or toward my Associate degree in _____)**. I began my studies on **(month, day, year)** and expect to complete my studies no later than **(month, day, year)**. I have attached copies of my SEVIS I-20 and Enrollment Verification for your reference.

While visiting me, _____ will be staying with me at my **(house/apartment or place where they will stay)**. The address is _____.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Your signature

Your Full Name

Your Address in Arizona

Your Telephone Number