

FROM: Dr. Marc Fang -- St. Norbert College
TO: Foreign Students Coming to SNC
RE: Preparing for your Visa Interview

After you receive your admission letter and I-20 Form, you should begin preparing for the visa interview. Here are some important facts about St. Norbert College which may help you answer questions during the interview. Your interview will normally be very short, perhaps only 30 seconds or one minute, so you must prepare carefully. Bring all relevant information and be fully prepared to answer questions. Do not be afraid; listen carefully to the questions asked so you can answer accurately.

You need to convince the officer that you have strong ties to your home country, and that you intend to return home after your education in the USA. Be sure to bring to the interview:

- Your admission letter and I-20 Form from St. Norbert College
- Your personal statement (clearly explaining why you want to study in the USA instead of attending a university at home, why you have chosen this particular university, and what your plans are after you graduate)
- Your parents' financial statement (showing their total assets in bank deposits and other properties)
- Your high school and/or university transcripts and certificates and awards earned in extracurricular activities.
- Your passport valid for at least six months after your proposed date of entry into the United States
- A 2x2 photograph.
- A completed and signed application Form DS-156, together with a Form DS-158
- A receipt showing payment of the SEVIS processing fee.

You may be asked why you chose St. Norbert College. Here are some suggestions for answering this question:

St. Norbert College is an old university, established more than 107 years ago. It seeks highly qualified students and requires international student applicants to have high TOEFL score.

St. Norbert College is highly ranked. For example,

- The 2006 US News and World Report's Guide to "America's Best Colleges." has ranked St. Norbert College fourth among private universities in the Midwest.
- The 2005 Princeton Review magazine has named St. Norbert College one of "The Best in the Midwest"
- Barron's "Profiles of American Colleges" has ranked its programs "very competitive."
- St. Norbert is also included in The New York Times' "Fiske Guide to the Best Buys in College Education,
- St. Norbert has been named to the Templeton Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges.

Further, St. Norbert College has these additional qualities.

- Classes at St. Norbert are small and are taught by professors, 94 percent of whom have earned the Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy) degree.
- With a small enrollment (2100 students), St. Norbert's faculty and staff are able to provide personal attention.
- St. Norbert offers scholarship and work experience on campus. (Mention how much scholarship you've been given plus the \$2,500 guaranteed on-campus work.)
- St. Norbert is located in a small, safe town – a good place to study without distractions.
- St. Norbert's graduation rate is the highest of any liberal arts college in Wisconsin, and third highest among comprehensive colleges in the Midwest,
- US education offers a well rounded education

We hope you find the above information helpful. If you have questions after careful reading, please feel free to write us.

Good luck!