



Merced College English Language Institute

(MCELI) Admission Application

Thank you for your interest in Merced College English Language Institute (MCELI).

Our staff will make every effort to assist you.

Our admission requirements conform to the regulations of the U.S. Government for issuing F-1 student visas. If you have any questions regarding enrollment or completing this form, please call our International Student Services Office at (209) 384-6229 or e-mail us at internationalstudent@mccd.edu

2023 Class Session Schedule

Spring Term >> From 1/9/2023 to 4/28/2023

Summer Term >> From 5/1/2023 to 8/11/2023

Fall Term >>> From 8/21/2023 to 12/1/2023

We have an open enrollment policy. Students can start anytime during semesters.

Requirements for Admission Checklist

- ☐ Complete application online
- ☐ Submit a \$350.00 non-refundable processing fee by credit card or international money order payable to YES ESL International, Inc. Use the attached form.
- ☐ Submit a "Guarantee of Financial Support" form signed by your sponsor if applicable.
 - ☐ Attach an original bank statement verifying that the sponsor has at least \$20,000 U.S. dollars available for the first year of your expense. Use the attached form.
- ☐ Submit an official transcript and graduation certificate of your high school and/or post-secondary school translated in the English language.
- ☐ A transfer clearance form is required if you are attending another educational institution in the United States. Use this link to download the form: [transfer clearance](#)
- ☐ Submit a letter of academic recommendation explaining your educational achievements and goals.
- ☐ Submit documentation of a complete health examination by a physician. Must include current immunization dates and verified tuberculosis clearance. Use the attached form.
- ☐ Sign MCELI Policy acknowledgment form & Refund policy form. See the attached forms.
 - MCELI Policy acknowledgment form
 - Refund policy form

- ☐ **Submit a statement of purpose. The statement should be one or two pages.**

Important steps:

- Health insurance coverage proof upon arrival. Merced College international students must maintain their health insurance coverage at all times.
- You will receive an acknowledgment form Merced College regarding your acceptance, shortly after receipt all of your application. It will contain further instructions on obtaining the F-1 Visa. Issuance of the I-20 will only take up to 1 week from receipt of your application at Merced College.
- Once you receive your I-20, you must pay a SEVIS fee of \$350 online at FMJfee.com before the F-1 visa interview.
- The application packet is also available to download [online](#).

MCELI Enrollment Application

Indicate semester for which you are applying:

Anticipated arrival date: Month____/Day____, ☐ Fall/August 20____ ☐ Spring/January 20____ ☐ Summer/June 20____

Legal Name: _____/_____/_____ **Sex:** Male ☐ Female ☐
Last First Middle

Home country address: Number & street name: _____,

City: _____, **State/Province:** _____, **Zip:** _____,

Country: _____ **Home Phone number:** (_____) _____

Birth Country: _____ **Birth Date:** _____month/____day/____year (e.g. 08/23/2002)

Country of Citizen: _____ **Birth City:** _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Intended Major to study at Merced College (Academic Program) _____

Your goal: ☐ Two-year Associate Degree ☐ Associate/University Transfer ☐ Certificate program completion

Address where the I-20 should be mailed as it would appear on an envelope

Number & Street name: _____ **City:** _____

State/Province: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Country:** _____

Educational Information

List high school, college/university, and/or language schools you have attended. Official secondary and post-secondary transcripts translated into English must be submitted.

Name of school	Location (City, Country)	Dates of Attendance (Month/Year to Month/Year)	Diploma/Degree (if any)

Have you taken TOEFL/IELTS before? Yes_____No_____If yes, When?_____Score: _____

Please send your official score copy to our office.

Referral/Agent Information

How did you learn about MERCED COLLEGE?

☐MC/YES Website ☐Relatives/Family ☐Other:_____

☐School/Agency

Please provide the information about your agency:

Agency Name:_____Contact Person: _____

Email address:_____Address: _____

Do you need transportation upon your arrival to the U. S.? ☐Yes ☐No If yes, apply at [YES website](#)

Will you need host family placement services (homestay)? ☐Yes ☐No If yes, apply at [YESwebsite](#)

If your spouse and/or children will be accompanying you, please complete and submit a separate application form for each person.

Acceptance Agreement

Merced College International Student Services requires that all students remain enrolled in Merced College for a period of at least one semester in college credited courses before requesting a transfer to another institution. Students attending the Merced College English Language Institute (MCELI) must complete the program and enroll in Merced College credit courses for at least one semester after completing the MCELI program before a transfer will be approved. No request for transfer will be considered until the specified conditions have been met. The director/PDSO of International Student Services will review transfers for approval.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read the following and agree to the conditions of acceptance.

Prospective Student Signature

Date

MERCED COLLEGE

HEALTH EXAMINATION REPORT

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

A Physical examination by a Medical Doctor (M.D.) is required.

Current immunizations (with dates specified) verified Tuberculosis clearance must be completed before your arrival at Merced College.

1. TETANUS (Must be within the past 9 years) DATE: _____

2. MEASLES, RUBELLA

MEASLES (RUBEOLA) DATE: _____

RUBELLA DATE: _____

3. TUBERCULOSIS CLEARANCE DATED within the past 3 months of this physical exam:

MANTOUX SKIN TEST DATE: RESULT: _____

(IF MANTOUX TEST IS POSITIVE, CHEST X-RAY IS REQUIRED).

CHEST X-RAY DATE: _____ RESULT: _____

Does student have any condition which prevents participation in physical education?

If yes, explain: _____

Current prescription medication: _____

Special health problems? _____

I have examined and find him/her in good health and able to attend college.

Signature of physician: _____

Name of physician (Please print): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Guarantee of Financial Support

Name of Student (Last Name, First Name)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires international students to certify funds available to cover all expenses related to living and studying in the United States for a minimum of one year before a form I-20 can be issued by Merced College. Documentation of financial support includes this form and an original bank statement(s) showing at least the minimum required **\$20,000** in US dollar or equivalent.

Estimated expenses for one academic year (Based on the 2022-2023 year)

Tuition & other fees \$7,800 (based on 2 terms)

Books & supplies \$200 (estimate for 2 terms)

Living cost \$10,800 (12 months estimated cost to live with a host family)

Health insurance \$1,200 (1 year premium through Student Insurance)

Total estimated cost \$20,000

☐ Official bank or other financial institution statements with recent balance.

☐ Income tax receipts and forms.

Financial Sponsor's contact information

Sponsor's name (Last, First)	Relationship to student
Address of sponsor	Country of sponsor
Phone number of sponsor	Contact Email address of sponsor

I understand that I am making a financial commitment to the student for the entire time he/she is enrolled and will not expect the student to pay expenses through employment, which is strictly prohibited by the U.S. government.

I am submitting an official bank statement showing a minimum of the estimated dollar amount required for the student as noted on this form.

\$ _____
Available Amount for Student Expenses

Name of Bank or Financial Institution

Signature of Sponsor

Print Name of Sponsor

Date _____

Standard School Fees

Application fee (non-refundable)	350.00
Tuition fee per Semester	3,900.00
Tuition fee per week	260.00
Housing Request Application Fee (non-refundable) [*1]	600.00
Monthly Homestay fee (16 meals a week)	900.00
Monthly Homestay fee without meals	750.00
Monthly Homestay fee for the Athletic Students (16 meals a week)	950.00
Typical expenses for a shared apartment (Food and utilities are not included)	500.00
Typical expenses for a private apartment (Food and utilities are not included)	700.00
Miscellaneous (lunch, notebook, personal expenses, etc.) each month	300.00

Optional Fees

Homestay Rearrangement Fee	350.00
Ground transportation fees* (optional)	
-From San Francisco airport	650.00
-San Jose airport	650.00
-From Fresno airport	350.00
Ground transportation Rescheduling fees*	25.00
Late Housing Request Application Fee (applied from 14 days before the arrival date) [*1]	800.00

Note: *Application fee and Housing request application fees are non-refundable. However, a refund for the airport transportation fee is available if Y.E.S. receives 10 (ten) days advance notice from the student, and a refund for the monthly homestay fee is available with 30 (thirty) days advance notice from the homestay start date of the student. Homestay fee is not refundable if the student cancels or change 30 days before his/her arrival date. Payments including Homestay and transportation fees should be made by a U.S. check, money order payable to YES ESL International, Inc., or use credit card payment form attached to this application packet. All our fees are subject to change without prior notice due to inflation, fuel prices, and/or unforeseen economic circumstances.

***1** Please note that you will be assessed a nonrefundable \$600 Housing Request Application Fee for the homestay application. Late Housing Request Application Fee will be applied from 14 days before the arrival date.



Merced College

English Language Institute Policy

To comply with the F-1 Visa regulations, MCELI requires that students:

1. Maintain their full-time status

To maintain full-time status, the student has to complete the semester he/she enrolled. If the student withdraws class during the semester without a legitimate reason, his/her legal status will be immediately lost regardless of the expiration date on the Form I-20.

2. Attend classes

The law requires students to attend more than 80% of their classes. They must commit to:

- Arrive at school on time every day.
- Participate in class.
- Complete all assignments.

3. Speak English at all times while they are in school.

This is not only MCELI's policy but also a matter of courtesy for your fellow students who are here to learn English as well as for your benefit.

4. Stay away from any possession and use of drugs.

If you are caught, you may go to jail and face deportation.

5. May not be allowed to attend MCELI classes without paying the tuition in full.

Beginning on the second week of the term, a 5% late charge will be added to the payment due.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read and understood above policy and have no objection. Also, I renounce any claim against YES, its employees, agents, instructors and the family(ies) with whom the participant lives that may arise due to injury, sickness, accident, death, property damage or any unusual circumstances during my participation in MCELI, including outside activities through the program.

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Student

Date



YES at Merced College

MERCED COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT • INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES 3600 M Street, Mail Stop 23

MERCED COLLEGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE REFUND POLICY

Students may be eligible for a tuition refund, not including application fee and/or homestay arrangement fees, overseas fee or courier fees. Airport transportation fee could be considered for a refund if Y.E.S. receives a ten (10) days advance notice from the student before the transportation date.

Refund of the MCELI tuition fee will be calculated on the following basis:

- 100 percent of the tuition payment will be refunded if the withdrawal is initiated before the first day of the class.
- If the withdrawal is initiated within 14 calendar days of the first day of attendance, the refund consideration will be based on the number of weeks completed.
- 50 percent of remaining tuition fee is considered for a refund if the withdrawal is initiated during the period between 15th and 28th calendar days of the first day of attendance.
- No refund will be considered if withdrawal is initiated after 29th calendar day of the attendance.

To be in compliance with F-1 status, all new students who are starting summer term must complete the summer term in good standing. Only MCELI students who are enrolled in the current Spring term will be allowed to take the TOEFL test which usually occurs at the end of May or beginning of June, prior to the Merced College Summer session starting date. Students who pass the TOEFL test will be allowed to register for Merced College regular credit classes if seats are available. Their MCELI prorated tuition will be considered for a refund. If no seats are available the student needs to continue the MCELI. Those who fail the TOEFL will be required to continue MCELI program through the summer term.***

***Under F-1 Regulations, 8CFR#214.2(f)(5)(i), the student is considered to be maintaining status if she or he is making normal progress toward completing a course of study (passing TOEFL). An F-1 student authorized by the DSO/PDSO to withdraw from classes will be allowed a 15-day period for departure from the United States. However, an F-1 student who fails to maintain a full course of study without the approval of the DSO/PDSO or otherwise fails to maintain status is not eligible for an additional period of departure 8CFR#214.2(f)(5)(iv).

It may take up to 3 weeks for the student to receive a refund after the date of withdrawal. In any above cases, MCELI will withhold any administrative fees incurred.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read the above statements and agree to the conditions of refund.

Prospective Student Signature

Date



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Credit Card Payment Authorization Form

MCELI application/ YES Homestay/ Transportation request fee

Credit Card Holder's name: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date (month/year): ____/____

Security Code number (on the back of card): _____

Signature: _____

*Credit card payment with Visa, Master, JCB will be charged 5% or Amex 7% processing fee.

Y.E.S. HOMESTAY REQUEST FORM

Student's Name (Last name, First name, Middle initial)	Telephone Number	Date of Birth	Gender

Address in Home Country: _____

Country of Birth: _____ Native Language: _____

Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: _____

Name (Last name, First name, Middle initial)	Telephone Number	Relationship

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Please answer to the following questions.

(1) What kind of accommodation would you prefer? Please choose one of following:

_____ Including meals...2 meals per day on weekdays, 3 meals on weekends (\$800)

_____ Excluding meals (\$650)...Student must buy own food and cook. (Please read homestay program information sheet)

_____ Athletic student who is planning to play college sports with meals. (\$850)

(2) Do you smoke? **YES or NO**

(3) Are you allergic to any food **products**? **YES or NO**

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you allergic to any **medication**? **YES or NO**

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you taking any medication now? **YES or NO**

If yes, please list medicines: _____

Are you allergic to any **pets**? **YES or NO**

If yes, please what kind of animal: _____

(4) Are you comfortable staying in a household with small children between the age of 0 to 8?

YES NO DOESN'T MATTER

(5) How long are you planning to use our YES homestay program?

2 months less than a half year 1 year 2 year

(6) Please score the following statements a scale of 1 to 5. 1 being "disagree" and 5 being "totally agree".

I can clean after myself.

I am an outgoing person.

I want to spend time with my host family as much as possible.

(7) Please describe about your personality. (ex. talkative)

(8) Please list your sports background. (ex. Playing basketball for 5 years)

(9) What is your hobby? (ex. Going shopping)

Please write a letter to your host family to introduce yourself.

I have read the homestay information and I understand neither Merced College nor YES shall be responsible for any damages, personal, property or otherwise, caused by the host family. I hereby release both Merced College and YES from any such liability. I accept full responsibility for any expenses incurred. I understand that I may be placed with a host family that has a student of the same nationality as me. I also certify that the information given is complete and accurate. If, as a result of inaccurate information reported on this form, I am expelled from my host family's home, YES is not responsible for finding me new housing.

Student's signature:

Date:

Parent's signature:

Date:

(If the student is under 18 years old)



YES ESL International, Inc

Home Stay Information/Agreement For Students

Y.E.S. ESL International, Inc.

Y.E.S. ESL INTERNATIONAL, INC. ("Y.E.S.") provides a quality home stay program. Our host families are chosen after interviews and screening by our staff, but not every host family/student connection can be a perfect match. A positive experience in the Home Stay Program requires effort, cooperation, and patience by both you and your host family. To increase the likelihood of a positive experience, please read the following carefully.

HOME STAY FEE

Your Home Stay fee includes your room and utilities, your meals (two meals per day on weekdays, three meals per day on weekends, holidays, and during school breaks). There is \$100 monthly deduction from your Home Stay fee if you choose the non-meal option. Please let your host family know of any food allergies or foods you do not like, as Y.E.S. will not provide this information to the host family. Please inform your host family if you will not be home for a meal or if you would like to have your meal at a different time than the family so that a plate may be set aside for you if desired. You will not be entitled to a full or partial refund of your Home Stay fee for any missed meals or days spent away from your host family's home, regardless of the reason. Y.E.S. does not guarantee that you will like all meals or food options prepared by the host family. You must pay your monthly Home Stay fee to Y.E.S., not to the host family. There should be no direct payments by you to the host family. If there are consistent issues with meals prepared by the host family or any confusion regarding payment or demand for payment from the host family, contact Y.E.S. immediately.

HOMESTAY ARRANGEMENT

The housing arrangement fee is \$600 (non-refundable) and is based on a **two-month contract with the initial two-week grace period**, where you are required to stay with the host family for at least two months after the two-week trial period. During the first two weeks, both you and your host family have time to decide if this is a good match. By the end of two weeks, if for some reason you are not happy with the placement, please contact the housing coordinator at Y.E.S. so that we can make other arrangements if necessary. All placements are under the condition that you may choose to extend your contract for other months or choose other housing arrangements only at the end of the two-month period. When you choose other housing options after the two-month period, a written notice is required; otherwise the contract automatically extends and Y.E.S. assume you will continue living with your current host family.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Local calls: As a courtesy, please limit your phone conversations with your friends to fewer than 10 minutes so your host family may make and receive calls unless you receive permission from your host family to make longer calls. Helpful hint: For long-term students (more than 4 months), you may consider getting your own telephone line or cellular telephone **at your own expense** so that you can use the telephone any time you wish, and your host family does not have to worry about the bill or receiving your calls. The use of the telephone should be discussed by you and your host family at the beginning of your stay to avoid confusion. Y.E.S. does not provide any telephone service, and your monthly Home Stay fee does not include use of a telephone. This matter is strictly between you and your host family, and each host family will have different policies regarding use of the home telephone (if any).

WATER AND ENERGY

Please attempt to conserve water and energy. It is preferable for you to take short showers and often customary to turn the light off when you leave a room. You must provide your own bathroom supplies. Please discuss the use of water and energy with your host family at the beginning of your stay.

PERSONAL LAUNDRY

Keep your dirty clothes in a basket or plastic bag that will be provided in your room. Your host family does not have to do your laundry. Please ask which day of week you can do your laundry. It is also your responsibility to wash your bed linens. You may have to buy soap for yourself depending on your host family, so please ask your host family. Be sure to get instructions from your host family as to the types of soap permitted or compatible with the host family's laundry facilities, and get instructions as to how to use any washing machines, dryers, etc. that your host family will permit you to use at the beginning of your stay. If you need help, do not hesitate to ask your host family for assistance as these machines may be expensive to replace if operated incorrectly.

MAINTENANCE

Keeping your room and bathroom clean and orderly is your responsibility. Your toiletries should be kept neatly in the bathroom. Do not throw foreign objects into the toilet bowl. If there are any questions, please discuss them with your host family. Please ask your host family when trash should be removed from any trash cans in your room or bathroom for removal from your host family's home. Do not throw away food or other items which may spoil or be unpleasant in your trash can. Instead, ask your host family where they would like such items disposed of at the beginning of your stay.

SMOKING AND ALCOHOL

Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages and use of illegal drugs are strictly prohibited in the house. If you are found engaged in above activities, the host family and/or Y.E.S. have a right to terminate the agreement immediately. Your host family may have additional rules regarding these activities. As always, if you have questions, please ask your host family for guidance.

MUSIC

If you wish to listen to loud music in your room, please use headphones unless your host family allows otherwise.

ELECTRONICS

Please ask your host family about rules for the usage and permitted hours of operation of the T.V., VCR, DVD player, DVR, any available computers, wireless internet systems, dishwashers, home audio or stereo equipment, any outdoor equipment such as spas, Jacuzzis, pools or barbecues, and similar types of equipment. Please get instruction from your host family before using any such equipment. Your host family may not have any or all of the above listed items, as each host family is different. Y.E.S. will not provide any equipment and will not be responsible for any use of such equipment by you.

VISITORS

When you wish to invite a friend for a visit, ask your host family first. Please do not bring friends home for dinner without the permission of your host family. Please do not invite friends into your bedroom or to spend the night without the express permission of your host family. If your friend is visiting for the evening, please make sure that he/she leaves by 10:00 p.m. at the latest. Your host family may have additional rules regarding visitors.

HOUSE RULES

The host family will discuss the house rules with you at the beginning of your stay. It is your responsibility to understand, agree to, and follow the house rules. If you have any questions or do not understand any of the house rules as they are explained to you by your host family, please ask your host family for clarification. If you still do not understand a particular house rule after requesting additional clarification, please contact Y.E.S. for assistance.

CONSIDERATION

Your host family is under no obligation to drive you around. If it is convenient and your host family can take you to where you want to go, please offer to pay for gas (about \$1.00 for every 5 miles would be a good estimate). You are strictly prohibited from operating host family vehicles or any other vehicles without express permission from the host family or vehicle owner and without the appropriate licenses, insurance, and other necessary documents which may be required. Y.E.S. is not responsible for obtaining any of these documents and has no responsibility for any use of host family or other vehicles by you. Violation of this policy could lead to serious civil liability or criminal consequences for you and your host family or vehicle owner.

ARRIVAL TIME

Y.E.S. is only responsible for your placement on the day of your arrival when you will arrive at the host family's house earlier than 6:00 p.m. local time. If your host family cannot accept you after 6:00 p.m. local time, please contact your host family for the night at your own expense. If you plan to arrive after 6:00 p.m. local time, please contact your host family and Y.E.S. ahead of time to determine whether a hotel stay may be required. *Exception will apply when the flight is delayed.

DEPARTURE TIME

On the day of your departure, please have all of your bags packed and *your room and our bathroom cleaned*, so that the room is available for a new student. If it is necessary for you to stay an extra night or two and your host family has room, you may be required to pay your host family per night. If a room is not available for you, you need to make your own arrangements with a hotel or friends. Y.E.S. is not responsible for your accommodations during these times. When you plan on leaving your host family, *30 days advance notice is required*. If you decide to move out without any notice, you are responsible to pay for any remaining balance of the monthly Home Stay fee for the month of your departure.

PRORATION OF HOMESTAY FEE

If you move in/out in the middle of a month and assuming you have provided the appropriate notice, Y.E.S. prorates the Home Stay fee for that month by using a 30 day method, where all months are prorated to 30 days regardless of the number of days in

the actual month. For example, if you were to move out on February 21st, the Home Stay fee for February will be prorated as follows: (Monthly Home Stay Fee/30) times the number of days the student stays (21days) = February's Home Stay fee. * This is based on CA Real Estate Regulation as of 2012.

PAYMENT AND PENALTY FEE

Payments can be made by cash, US checks, traveler checks, wire transfer (additional wire transfer fee will apply), and credit cards (additional card charge fee will apply). There is a \$20 penalty fee for returned (bounced) checks. All students must pay the next month's Home Stay fee by the end of each month, meaning, for example, that February's Home Stay fee must be paid no later than January 31. There is additional \$20 if the fee is not paid in full by 5th of each month, and an additional \$50 fee if paid after the 5th of the month. When the host family and/or Y.E.S. recognize that you have no intention to pay the monthly Home Stay fee, the host family and/or Y.E.S. has a right to terminate the contract in their sole discretion and you must immediately vacate your host family's home. If you do not voluntarily vacate your host family's home, legal proceedings will be brought against you.

PROBLEMS, COMPLAINTS

If, for any reason, you feel that the host family is not doing what you expected or you feel confused, talk it over with your host family first. If you still need help to resolve the problem, please contact the housing coordinator at Y.E.S.

MANAGEMENT FEE

There is a possibility you will be charged an additional management fee in addition to your monthly Home Stay fee in the following circumstances, at Y.E.S.'s discretion: Due to increasing disputes between you and your host family, Y.E.S. may become responsible for collection and delivery of Home Stay fees and may take a more active role in the relationship between you and the host family. In consideration of Y.E.S. undertaking additional responsibilities for financial transactions and mediating disputes between you and the host family, which Y.E.S. deems necessary to maintain healthy relationships, you might pay a monthly management fee in amount to be determined by Y.E.S. depending on the circumstances, but in no event less than \$50.00 per month.

HOST FAMILIES AND Y.E.S. ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Host families and Y.E.S. are not responsible for providing you an allowance, monitoring your spending, or lending you money.
- Individual items- you are responsible for purchasing your own toiletry items, school supplies, club memberships, clothing, social events, etc. However, if your host family takes you to dinner or a social event, then the host family may choose to cover the cost for you.
- Monitoring food – neither your host family nor Y.E.S. are responsible for ensuring that you maintain any particular kind of diet, including one for personal or religious beliefs. Your host family will, however, be responsible for providing you healthy meals and snacks.
- Damages – You are strictly and solely responsible for any damages (personal or property) that you cause, whether intentionally, negligently, accidentally, or otherwise.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

1. By signing below, you understand and acknowledge that Y.E.S. must rely to a great extent on the information provided by the host family and their family members in determining whether they will make an appropriate host family. Y.E.S.'s screening of potential host families is limited to the information provided by the host family in their application process and subsequent interviews. While Y.E.S. will not knowingly retain as a host family any individual or family it knows to be inappropriate, ultimately the behavior of the host family cannot be guaranteed or warranted by Y.E.S. in any way. By signing below, you waive all claims of any kind against Y.E.S. based on the behavior or actions of your host family or any other third parties, and further waive any and all claims against Y.E.S. arising out of or relating to your stay, except to the extent such claims are a direct result of intentional conduct on the part of Y.E.S. You also agree to reimburse, indemnify, and hold harmless Y.E.S., its owners, successors, and assigns from any damage, loss or expense incurred or suffered by them as a result of any breach of this agreement or any matter relating to or arising from your stay, your host family, or the terms of this agreement. You also agree to reimburse, indemnify and hold Y.E.S., its owners, successors, and assigns harmless from all liability from loss, damage, or injury to persons or property resulting from any actions or inactions taken by you, whether they be intentional, negligent, or accidental in nature.
2. You acknowledge and accept full risk and responsibility for any injury you may incur, or any damage to your property arising from your participation in the Home Stay Program. To the greatest extent permitted by law, you release and forever discharge Y.E.S., its respective owners, agents and employees, from all actions, causes of actions, suits, claims, or demands whatsoever that may arise from your participation in the Home Stay Program.
3. You shall maintain third party liability insurance at all times during your stay.
4. Y.E.S. is not responsible for charges relating to long-distance phone calls made by you (which may run several dollars per

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- minute), or for any other expenses or damages incurred or caused by you during your stay.
5. You represent and warrant that all of the information in your Home Stay application is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.
 6. You agree to respect your host family's privacy, personal property, and individual rights and make every effort to understand your host family's culture.
 7. Y.E.S. shall not be responsible for any damages – personal property or otherwise – caused by you or your host family, regardless of the level of involvement Y.E.S. staff may devote to selecting qualified host families.
 8. Abuse toward the host family causing them to be upset or have unnecessary expense(s) may result in an immediate termination of your home stay with a part or all of the refundable room fees withheld, in Y.E.S.'s sole and absolute discretion. Y.E.S. will attempt to work out problems before a termination occurs if possible.

TERMINATION OF HOMESTAY AGREEMENT

You are advised to call the police if you experience emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or are subjected to any other type of criminal conduct. Y.E.S. is not a substitute for the police in such situations. If you report emotional, physical, or sexual abuse or discomfort with the assigned host family to Y.E.S., a Y.E.S. director will take remedial steps as appropriate. Such steps may include but are not limited to the following: 1. Counseling, 2. Relocation, 3. Referral to the local police or sheriff's department; 4. Immediate removal from the host family; 5. Immediate return to your home country. All parties, including you, the host family, and Y.E.S., have the right to terminate this agreement immediately under the following conditions:

- 1) You are guilty of a serious breach of the house guidelines, and are unwilling to cooperate with your host family and housing coordinator.
- 2) You are drinking alcohol or smoking cigarettes without having permission from host family or using or abusing illegal drugs.
- 3) You or the host family is using, selling, or distributing illegal drugs.
- 4) The housing coordinator knows or has reason to believe that your rights are being abused or your well-being is jeopardized for any reason.
- 5) You may be a physical danger or pose a threat to other members of the household or to yourself.

STUDENT AGREEMENT **Y.E.S. ESL International, Inc.**

I have read the home stay information and agreement and I understand Y.E.S. will not be responsible for any damages, personal, property or otherwise, caused by the host family. I hereby release Y.E.S. from any such liability. I accept full responsibility for any expenses incurred. I also certify that the information given is complete and accurate. If, as a result of inaccurate information reported to Y.E.S., I am expelled from my host family's home, Y.E.S. is not responsible for finding me new housing. I understand that I may have an attorney review this document prior to signing it, and acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to do so before signing. I fully understand each term of this agreement, and have had an opportunity to have any term I do not understand explained to me in full. I hereby submit myself to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California, United States of America, with regard to any issue arising out of or relating in any way to this agreement or my participation in the Home Stay program, and understand and agree that any such legal action will take place solely in the State of California pursuant to the laws of the state of California, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions of California or any other state or country. This document is executed and is to be performed in all material respects in San Diego County, California, and is the whole and complete agreement between the parties.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____
(If the student is under 18 years old)



YES Transportation Request Form

Please include your credit card authorization information, check, or money order payable to the "YES ESL International, Inc." when you apply.

Name: _____

ARRIVAL FLIGHT INFORMATION

AIRLINE COMPANY: _____

FLIGHT NUMBER: _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____

PORT OF DEPARTURE: _____

TIME OF DEPARTURE: _____

PORT OF ARRIVAL: _____

TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

*If this is a domestic flight, please fill out your international flight information below,

AIRLINE COMPANY: _____

FLIGHT NUMBER: _____

PORT OF DEPARTURE: _____

TIME OF DEPARTURE: _____

PORT OF ARRIVAL: _____

TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

I hereby request the airport transportation service provided by the YES and enclosed the amount of \$_____ as the service charge.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (if the student is under 18 years old): _____

Airport transportation fee:	
From San Francisco Airport*	\$650
From Fresno Airport	\$350

***San Francisco Pick-Up Service:** Please plan to arrive in A.M. or early afternoon in San Francisco. If your flight arrives after **3 P.M.**, arrange to stay in a Hotel in Merced on the night of arrival day, we will provide transportation from the airport to the Hotel. Please consult with us about next day pick-up from the Hotel. [Hotel price range in Merced is approximate \$50~\$150]

***Late Fee:** In case you are late for your meeting time with our driver, a penalty fee will be charged as followings: For the International flight, \$50 per hour after your flight's arrival.
For Domestic flight, \$50 per half-hour after your flight's arrival.

アメリカでの運転に関しての注意

日本とアメリカの交通規制は異なり、運転する為には交通規則の正しい知識が必要となります。運転免許を取得できても運転の際は十分な注意が必要です。自身の過失で規則を破り、交通事故に遭えば人生で取り返しのつかないことになります。特に若者の留学生に気をつけてもらいたいことは飲酒運転です。日本でも飲酒運転に関して厳しく取り締まっており、危険であることは一般常識となっています。アメリカでも飲酒運転の規則は厳しく、特に留学生が飲酒運転で事故を起こした際には強制送還対象となることもあります。

もし飲酒運転で事故を起こした場合、保険会社から保険金の支給がされません。病院に搬送された、被害者が出て慰謝料の支払いが必要な場合など、高額な費用が掛かります。事故の際に救急車で搬送された場合は約 100 万円以上、損害賠償の場合、多大な賠償金支払いが必要です。

日本とアメリカでの免許取得の流れ

日本

資格対象者：18 歳以上

免許取得の流れ：指定自動車教習所で仮免許を取得し、卒業検定を受けます。その後、免許センターで運転免許試験を行います。

教習所費用：約 20～30 万円

運転免許試験費用：約 4 千円

アメリカ

資格対象者：16 歳以上

免許取得の流れ：Department of Motor Vehicles(DMV)で筆記試験を受けて、仮免許を取得します。その後、実技試験に臨みます。

*DMV は、日本の免許センターのような機関です。

*筆記試験は DMV で公開されている問題などを教材にして試験対策を行えます。尚、試験は日本語で受験可能となります。

*仮免許者の運転の練習は、18 歳以上で運転免許保持者が同乗していれば認められています。

運転免許試験費用：約 \$ 30 (約 3 千 2 百円) (筆記、実技試験、その他手数料も含む)

留学生の交通事故：事例

2014 年 8 月 22 日金曜日夜 11 時頃、サンディエゴ地域にある日本人留学生が交通事故をしました。事故当時、5 人乗りのセダンに 8 人が乗り、過度の重さから車のコントロールが利かず、高速道路の脇の電柱に衝突しました。衝突した電柱が真っ二つに割れるほどの衝撃で車も大破し、車内に残された学生達は約 1 時間以上かけて救出されました。この事故により運転手、助手席と後部座席にいた 3 名が亡くなり、他 5 名は重軽傷を負いました。

警察では飲酒などの疑いがあるとして検査しました。車の持ち主である運転手の学生には運転免許規則違法と安全運転管理者の責任が問われる事態となりました。



*事故現場で救急隊が救助にあたる

*事故現場の高速道路

なぜこのような悲劇が起こったのか？

学生達の年頃は 18 歳から 22 歳、全学生が語学学校新入生でした。新学期が始まったばかりの週末、8 名の学生達はビーチへ向かう為、車の許容範囲を超える人数であるにも関わらず、無理に乗り合わせました。車の規則を守ってさえいれば防げた事故であった可能性は高いです。

交通事故を予防するには？

このような悲劇は二度と起こしてはなりません。この事故を教訓にして、各々が正しい知識を持ち、規則を破らない強い意志を持つべきです。交通規則を守ることにより、万が一事故に遭ってしまった際も最小限の被害で済む確率が高いです。

渡米後、親元を離れて自由を手にし、友達作りや新生活を楽しむことで浮き足立ってしまいます。この気持ちを抑え、留学生として何を優先すべきか考えることが大切です。

留学生のひき逃げ事故：事例

2014 年 7 月 14 日午前 1 時 30 分頃、カリフォルニア州オレンジ郡コストメサ市にて、自転車に乗っていた 15 歳の少女がひき逃げされました。目撃者が加害車両を追跡し、警察が事故現場から約 1 キロ先で容疑者の身柄を拘束しました。

この事故により、被害者は重症で病院に搬送され、容疑者の日本人学生（当時 22 歳）はひき逃げと飲酒の疑いで逮捕されました。容疑者の学生は一時的に拘置所に収容され、後日刑務所に移送されました。

容疑者の学生は、名前と顔写真がニュースに掲載され警察が提供する犯罪者リストにも情報が公開されています。



*ひき逃げの現場で被害者が救急隊の手当てを受ける

*現場付近ガソリンスタンドで容疑者が連行される

ロサンゼルスでの賠償判例

2003年3月25日、8歳の子供が交差点付近で乗用車に跳ねられ亡くなりました。事故現場は制限速度50キロのところでしたが、加害車両は約70キロで走行しており、運転手の被告人に重度の過失がありました。

告訴人の子供の親は2 million(約2億1千7百万円)の賠償請求を行いました。2006年7月28日、ロサンゼルス最高裁判所は、被告人に\$ 850,000(約8千8百万円)の賠償命令を下しました。

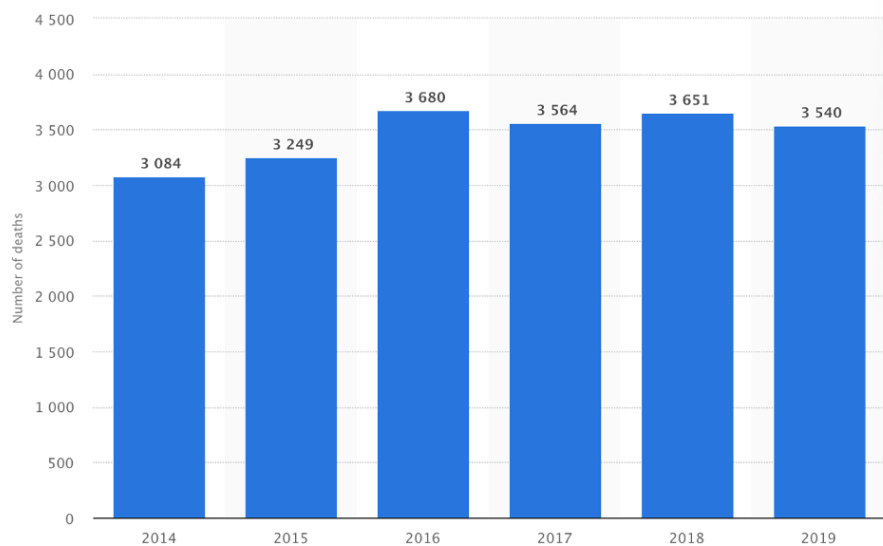
コネチカットでの賠償判例

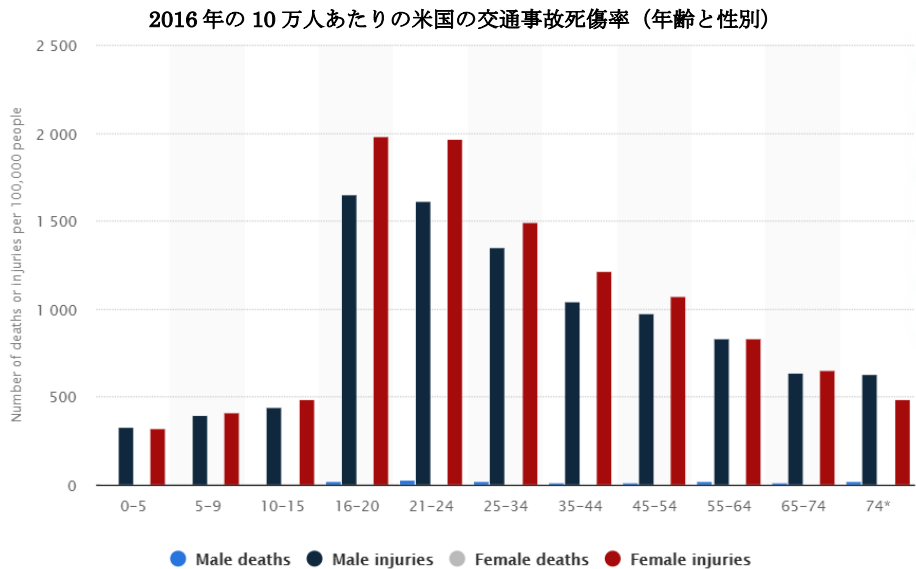
2008年9月4日午後12時45分頃、女性が運転する軽トラックと信号無視をした乗用車が交差点で衝突しました。被害者の女性は、背中に怪我を負い手術を行いました但日常生活に支障をきたすほどの後遺症が残りました。

事故後、被害者の女性は加害者の男性を起訴しました。2014年9月、6年の歳月を経て裁判所は、男性に対して\$ 672,500(約7千万円)の賠償金を支払いの判決を下しました。

*為替レート：2021年1月11日\$1=104.23円計算

カリフォルニア内における交通事故での死亡者数





若者の交通事故死傷率が圧倒的に多い事がわかります

***車購入の再考を！**

アメリカでは 16 歳から免許取得が出来、車社会と呼ばれているだけあるので、交通量が多いです。しかしながら、アメリカでは教習所などに通う必要がない為、運転や交通規則の知識が乏しい学生が多く、交通事故が跡を立ちません。特に若年層のアルコール摂取やドラッグ利用に伴う交通事故が多く、自身が安全運転を心掛けても、相手の過失で交通事故に巻き込まれることもあります。

また渡米間もない若者の留学生は、親元を離れて浮ついているので注意が散漫になりやすく、気持ちの緩みが事故を起こす原因となりえます。

交通事故に遭った際、保険会社、警察への対応などは面倒な事が多く、場合によっては弁護士を立てなければいけません。英語力に自信があっても、アメリカ実社会での経験が少ない留学生には不利な状況となります。

その他、車代や保険代、車のメンテナンス代など、車購入から維持までの大きな出費も購入者を悩ませます。留学後、学業に専念する為に車の購入には全てのリスクを認識して判断してください。

記載内容に関する確認受け取り書

_____がアメリカ留学をするにあたり、Y.E.S.の「アメリカでの運転に
関しての注意」の記載事項を読み、十分に理解しました。

年 月 日

生徒署名（サイン）：_____日付：_____

保護者署名（サイン）：_____日付：_____

* 留学生が未成年の場合は保護者の署名が必須