



CONSULATE GENERAL OF ITALY
FILADELFIA

STUDY VISA
(For study abroad programs)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VISA Application

1. A National Visa application form

 Ensure that you include the date and signature on the application form. It's recommended to fill it out digitally or to write in clear and legible capital letters (minimum font size 13).

 Incomplete, illegible, or unclear forms may result in processing delays or visa rejection.

2. Passport or travel document and photocopy of the Passport information page showing expiration date.

The document must:


- Be valid for at least three months beyond the visa expiration date or date of departure from EU;
- Have been issued within the last 10 years;
- Contain at least two blank pages for placing the visa.

3. Proof of legal residence within the consular jurisdiction, such as a driver's license or state ID card. Attach photocopy only of driver's license or other official proof. (To use less paper make copy of Passport and driver's license on just 1 page).

PLEASE NOTE, THIS REFERS TO POINT 4:

To determine the competent consulate for your jurisdiction, please visit the following website:


<https://serviziconsolarionline.esteri.it/ScoFE/services/service-info.sco?serviceId=50>. Select 'STATI UNITI D'AMERICA' in the 'Country' section and enter your city of residence, place of study in the 'Location' section. The system will then identify the appropriate Consulate to contact.

 Applicants who are not legal residents within our jurisdiction cannot submit their application at the Consulate, unless they are domiciled in our jurisdiction for study purposes (in which case, proof of enrollment at an academic institution must be attached, as stated in point 8).

FOR NON-U.S. CITIZENS ONLY:

- Photocopy of the Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) or immigration document for re entry into the United States (*e.g., a valid long-term U.S. visa, Advanced Parole, etc.*). • The U.S. Immigration status must be valid for at least three months beyond the planned exit date from the Schengen area.
- International students must present a copy of their F-1 visa, as well as a valid travel signature on their I-20.

4. A recent, standard passport-type photograph, in color, measuring 40 mm x 35 mm.

 Scanned or photocopied photographs will not be accepted.

The applicant must be facing forward, looking directly at the camera, and not wearing glasses. Head coverings are allowed only for religious reasons, provided they do not obscure any part of the face.

5. Confirmed round-trip flight reservation showing the flight (*i.e., Paris to Florence Lisbon to Rome, etc.*)

In cases when you only have one-way reservation for the multiyear programs indicate, directly on the inbound reservation, a handwritten note, explaining the reason for the one-way reservation to Europe.

✗ Screenshots taken with a smartphone are not acceptable.

6. A letter of enrollment from the U.S. University, addressed to our Consulate, indicating the student's current status (full-time and in good standing) and the expected graduation date. If you are not enrolled in any US College or university, include prior academic background such as transcripts of last studies.

7. Official Letter of Acceptance. Two (2) original copies in Italian issued by an accredited academic institution in Italy. The letter, on the institution's official letterhead, must be addressed to the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia and must specify:

- The student's full name
- The study period
- Full-time enrollment (minimum of 20 hours per week)
- The exact address of the accommodation assigned to the student in Italy
- Whether the cost of the program, insurance, and accommodation is fully or partially covered by the institution

If the study abroad program is sponsored by another U.S. university, an acceptance letter to the program (original + copy) is also required, demonstrating the correlation between the study program in Italy and the student's current studies in the U.S.

8. Medical Insurance or a study abroad program insurance, confirming:

- Student's name and coverage period;
- Coverage for long stay in Italy should be full coverage/high limit to pay directly to Italian providers for hospitalization, emergencies, evacuation, and repatriation for the entire stay in the Schengen area
- ✗ An insurance card is not sufficient. A detailed PDF certificate stating the required coverage is mandatory.

9. Proof of suitable accommodation for the entire duration of the stay.

- Such as rental agreement (contratto di locazione)
- If hosted at a private residence, the host must complete and sign the proof of accommodation form, attaching proof of their legal residence and a copy of their ID or passport.

10. Proof of sufficient financial means (approximately \$1,000 per month):

- Recent bank statement or simple bank letter from a U.S. financial institution; • An official letter from the university if financial aid or scholarship is provided;

For students financially supported by parents:

- Parent's financial documentation;
- Affidavit of Support (notarized document);
- Copy of the guarantor's passport or other identification document;

PLEASE NOTE, THIS REFERS TO POINT 11:

It is sufficient to provide one page that clearly shows the account holder's details, the final balance, and the reference period. A long list of transactions or a complete and detailed list for each year, consisting of many irrelevant or unnecessary pages, is not required. ✘ Photocopies of screenshots taken with a smartphone are not acceptable; only the page downloaded directly from the bank's website and provided in PDF format will be accepted.

11. Non-refundable visa application fee, payable in cash or money order made out to "Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia" – *1818 Market St. – Philadelphia, PA 19103*". Ensure that the applicant's full name, surname, and address are included, and attach a copy of the money order.

✘ Personal checks, credit, or debit cards are not accepted.

⚠ The fee amount varies quarterly based on the euro-to-dollar exchange rate. Verify the current fee on our website: <https://ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-straniero/visti>.

12. Mailing disclaimer (see page 4), completed and signed, that excludes the liability of the Italian Consulate in case of loss or stole or damage of the passports in transit.

13. A prepaid, self-addressed envelope for the return of the passport. Preferably use USPS Priority or Priority Express service, including tracking, and ensure it is addressed to the applicant.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS REFERS TO POINT 14:

- ⚠ **Attention: For security reasons, it is no longer possible to re-enter the Consulate solely to pick-up the visa. Therefore, all applicants must mandatorily provide a prepaid envelope.**
- ⚠ Attach a photocopy of the prepaid envelope, which visibly includes tracking. Indicate the applicant's name and address as both the sender and the recipient. • ✘ If the Consulate is listed as the sender, the envelope will not be accepted. • Write the addresses in block letters and in a clear and legible manner. ✘ If the address is unclear and/or illegible, the envelope may not be delivered. Our Consulate is not responsible for any issues.
- Include a contact number of the applicant for any clarifications from USPS.

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DECLARATION FOR MAILING PASSPORTS

I, the undersigned.....
born on *(DD/MM/YYYY)*in.....
residing in..... holder
of passport no..... issued by.....

I do hereby declare that I assume all responsibility for the mailing of my passport. I understand that the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia is NOT responsible for the loss or damage of my passport in transit.

I therefore request that my passport be mailed back to me using the prepaid, self-addressed envelope that I have provided, along with the included photocopy.

Signature: Date *(DD/MM/YYYY)*: