

**THE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY**



**Application for
International Admission**



Dear Prospective International Student:

Interested in The Lincoln University? Well, The Lincoln University is very much interested in you and we hope you'll have the determination to succeed. Lincoln's mission has always been to provide education of the highest possible quality to students who have demonstrated promise, potential, and the desire to succeed.

Founded in 1854, The Lincoln University (PA) is the FIRST of four Lincoln Universities in the world and is the nation's FIRST degree-granting Historically Black College and University (HBCU). The University combines the elements of a liberal arts and science-based undergraduate curriculum along with select graduate programs to meet the needs of those living in a highly-technological and global society. Today, Lincoln, which enrolls a diverse student body of approximately 2,000 men and women, possesses an international reputation for preparing and producing world class leaders such as Thurgood Marshall, the FIRST African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Lillian Fishburne, the FIRST African American woman promoted to Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy, Langston Hughes, the noted poet, Kwame Nkrumah, the FIRST President of Ghana, Nnamdi Azikiwe, the FIRST President of Nigeria and a myriad of others

Lincoln University offers an education that will prepare international students for success in a world of rapid scientific and technological changes. Regardless of your career goals, Lincoln University will prepare you to achieve them. The university's 3-2 and 3-3 cooperative programs, in conjunction with several area universities, ensure that you will be able to compete successfully in the international job market as well as in the United States.

An application for Admission and other pertinent information are enclosed to assist your process to enroll at Lincoln University. If you desire further assistance, please contact our office at (484) 365-7786 to speak with one of the university's International Student Advisors.

Please accept this invitation to become a part of the Lincoln University of Pennsylvania family!

Sincerely,

Office of International Programs and Services



Financing Your College Cost at The Lincoln University

Education in the US is very expensive. The estimated total cost for 2014-2015 nine-month academic year of study at Lincoln University is \$25,994, which covers tuition, fees, room and board. A graduate education may be more expensive. There is very little financial assistance for International students to study here with the possible exception of citizens of Canada and Mexico. Most public and private sources are restricted to United States Citizens and permanent resident aliens.

Before an I-20 can be issued to an admitted student, United States immigration law requires Lincoln University to verify that the student has sufficient funds to finance their studies, undergraduate Bachelor's first time college degree: 4 years; undergraduate Bachelor's Lower Level Transfer degree: 3-4 years; Undergraduate Bachelor's upper level transfer degree: 2 years.

You must submit the following information with your application:

1. Financial Statements
2. Bank Statement or official letter showing sponsor's funding, assistantship, scholarship and/or Fellowship award letter that supports your Affidavit of Support. **This data must be dated within 6 months of the planned term of entry.**
3. Confirmation of Financial Support (Promissory Note) from financial sponsor (s) that clearly states their intention to support you financially during your entire stay at Lincoln University. Student may have multiple sponsors but the total amount from all sources of funding must exactly match the total required to attend Lincoln University for "all" years of attendance.

Be sure to go over the necessary financing with your sponsor. He or she must realize tuition, fees, room and board are payable on a **strict deadline**. Your money must not only be here, but it must also be cleared by the bank before classes start. Funds from overseas may take four (4) weeks or more to be clear by the bank and be usable, so you must plan ahead. ***A little planning now will save you much worry later.***

You should bring bank drafts, traveler's checks and some cash for immediate personal expenses. Opening a bank account when you arrive will be a priority. **Please note that you will be required to pay the remainder of your balance in FULL for tuition and fees, UPON YOUR ARRIVAL TO THE UNIVERSITY to secure your classes.**

Student and Exchange Visitor Program: SEVIS I-901 Fee

Instructions for completing form I-901

The SEVIS fee of \$200.00 must be paid and fully processed before the applicant arrives at the consulate for the visa interview. A receipt will be sent to you by mail to the address that you indicate with your payment. Further, for those who pay the SEVIS fee on-line, a payment confirmation can be printed out immediately after the payment is made, and used as a receipt until the mailed receipt is received. Please note that if you are subject to this fee and do not pay it, you will not be issued an F-1 visa for admission to the United States.

You must take the SEVIS fee payment receipt with you for the visa interview. Having a receipt for the SEVIS fee payment will facilitate the visa application process. However, if you are unable to print a receipt from an on-line payment and/or do not receive your mailed receipt in time for your visa interview you can still go to your interview as long as your fee has been processed by the Department of Homeland Security.

Please note that Lincoln University will **not** pay your I-901 fees. This is your responsibility.

For more detailed information on the fee payment process, go to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program's website

Instructions for Completing Your International Application

(Documents submitted to The Lincoln University become the property of Lincoln University and cannot be returned to the student or forwarded to another institution).

A. High School Students

1. Complete and mail your application to:
Office of International Programs and Services
The Lincoln University
P.O. Box 179, MSC 50
1570 Old Baltimore Pike
Lincoln University, PA 19352-0999
2. Answer each question completely and accurately; international students do not have social security numbers.
3. Enclose the \$20.00 application fee. This fee is required to process your application and should be mailed with the application. Send a money order or cashier's check; **PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
4. Indicate the academic program (Major) you intend to pursue at Lincoln University, even if you are unsure at this time.
5. List your accomplishments, both academic and non-academic.
6. Ask your teacher, minister or someone other than a family member who knows you well to write a letter of recommendation telling us about your intellectual qualities, academic work, leadership skills and community service. (2 Required)
7. National Examination or an official high school/secondary school transcript, showing grades received in all courses from 9th through 12th grade is required of all applicants for the freshman year. Applicants seeking admission to Lincoln University should request the appropriate official transcript of their high school/secondary school and forward the most recent transcript available to the Office of International Programs and Services. All transcripts of academic work completed outside the United States **must be: ► Official, that is, in the original, sealed envelope of issuing institution
► In English or accompanied by a certified translation.**
8. Write an essay of 150-200 words and answer the following: What would you like to accomplish at Lincoln University and how does this relate to your future career goals?
9. Test Scores — Applicants are encouraged to take any required tests as early as possible to avoid delays in the processing of their applications. Only official Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) Service are considered official documents. **NOTE:** Photo copies are considered unofficial and any admission to The Lincoln University made upon unofficial scores will not be finalized until official scores are received. The institution code for Lincoln University is 003290.
10. All international students should be proficient in the use of the English language. All applicants from countries where English is not the official language must take the Test of English As a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores. All **TOEFL scores** must be dated within **2 years of the desired semester** you wish to study at Lincoln University. The acceptable scores for admission are as follows; Internet-Based 71, Computer-Based 200, and the Paper-Based 500.

B. Financial Information

- 1. No Federal or State financial aid will be awarded to international students entering The Lincoln University from other countries.**
2. International students must provide Affidavit of Support and financial documentation to show proof that they can finance their education at Lincoln University.
3. International students planning to enroll at The Lincoln University must provide financial documents to support the current availability of funds and that adequate funding that will be available for subsequent years. **One year's payment of tuition, fees, room and board must be paid in full before any immigration documents can be prepared or mailed to you. This fee is refundable if you do not obtain your F-1 visa.**

C. Transfer Students

1. Follow instructions in Section A.
2. A transfer student is considered to be any person who has been enrolled in a college or university other than Lincoln University.
3. To qualify for admission as a transfer applicant, the student must be in good standing at all previously attended institutions, and have completed 15 or more semester hours with a minimum 2.7 cumulative G.P.A.
4. Official transcripts from all previously attended institution (s) must be mailed to the Office of International Programs and Services directly in a sealed envelope.
5. Transferable credits are determined by the Registrar's Office at Lincoln University.

D. Notice of Admission

When your application is received, we will notify you by letter. Once test scores, transcripts, application fee, recommendations and other supporting documents have been received, the Office of International Programs and Services will read your application and inform you of our decision at the earliest possible date.

E. International Scholars Scholarships

The International Scholars Scholarship is awarded during the academic year, which begins each fall semester. The International Scholars Scholarship is renewable with a 3.3 cumulative GPA and 30 earned credits each year. **Scholarships are awarded annually through the Office of International Programs and Services. Your application must be accepted by **May 1st to be considered for the International Scholars Scholarship.****

