

Inviting Family & Friends to the U.S.

If your family/friends wish to visit you in the U.S., they may need to apply for a visitor visa. In preparation for their visa application and interview, your family/friends may need to provide various information to the embassy. If your family/friends need a visitor visa, they need to thoroughly read the instructions for visitor visa applications. These instructions can be found on the website of the U.S. embassy/consulate where they will apply for the visa. The consulate website should list what documents the applicants must prepare and include in their application. This is a personal application in which applicants must demonstrate their eligibility through a visa interview.

Invitation Letter

Your family/friends may bring a letter **from you** explaining who you are, what you are doing in the U.S., and that you want to invite them to visit for your graduation (and/or vacation, tour, etc.). Your letter should list the dates and locations that your family/friends will visit in the U.S. You should be as specific as possible. Include your name, date of birth, SEVIS ID#, and U.S. address. If your family will stay with you, mention this in your letter or include the name and address of the hotel where they will stay. Please use our “Sample Invitation Letter” as a general guide. You can also attach an Enrollment Verification form from the Registrar’s Office. If you need further assistance, please contact the International Student Services at internationalstudents@tarleton.edu