

OVERSEAS PASSPORT HOLDERS

As a non-UK passport holder you may be concerned about applying for your visa. The majority of people will not have problems and be granted a visa, however, the American Embassy can accept or reject any application and BUNAC cannot influence their decision.

If you are planning to apply through the US Embassy in the UK, as this is not your home country, the US Embassy will take a number of factors into consideration when assessing your application. Eg. If;

- You have a non-EU passport
- You have been in the UK for less than a year
- Your UK visa is not valid beyond December 2012
- Your home country does not have a 'good' relationship with America
- You have had a US visa refusal or visa problems previously
- You have a criminal conviction
- It is felt that you do not speak a high enough level of conversational English
- If you are not a student and on *Summer Camp USA* then you will need to submit proof of having worked with children or proof of the qualifications you have that will make you a good counsellor

Please call BUNAC on 0207 251 3352 if you are concerned about your visa application.

Supporting Evidence

In order to avoid any problems or delays we recommend applying for your visa early and submitting as much supporting evidence as possible with your application to show that you will be returning to the UK at the end of summer.

This could be:

- Accommodation commitments for October 2012 (contract/letter from landlord or mortgage statement).
- A letter from an employer confirming that you are returning to/starting work with them after you return to the UK.
- A letter from your university confirming that you will be continuing studies in October 2012.
- Family commitments showing ties to UK
- Proof of sufficient funds to support yourself (copy of a bank statement)
- Personal letter explaining your situation in the UK, plans while in the US, and summarising your reasons and intent to return to the UK.
- It is also good to include a letter from your employer in America confirming you have a job to go to, starting date, hours, pay etc.

If you are not returning to the UK and are returning to your home country then you should show as much proof confirming this as possible, however the US Embassy may not accept proof of commitments in your home country as they are unable to verify the details.

Even with this extra evidence there is still no guarantee that you will be issued with a visa, ultimately it is at the US Embassy's discretion who is granted a visa.

There is no way to find out if you will obtain the visa until you have gone for an interview at the US Embassy as the decision will be made then once your application has been reviewed.

Having a non-UK passport does not automatically mean that you will have problems, however the Embassy does also have the right to hold any application for additional processing if they feel it is necessary, you would be told at your US Embassy interview if they were holding your application for additional processing, it can take 40+ days for extra processing.

Visa Issuance Fee

The US Embassy charges a visa application fee to everyone applying for a visa. Some nationalities will also have to pay an additional fee at their embassy interview. Below is a list of countries that are subject to this additional fee. This list and fees are subject to change at any time.

Angola	£6	Armenia	£30
Australia	£63	Belarus	£60
Brazil	£24	Burkina Faso	£12
Burundi	£24	Cameroon	£144
Chad	£11	Comoros	£19
Ethiopia	£30	Kyrgyzstan	£27
Laos	£48	Madagascar	£15
Mali	£15	Nepal	£120
Niger	£4	Sudan	£30
Turkmenistan	£240	U.A.E	£31
Walis & Fut.	£60	Yemen	£18

Refunds

If the US Embassy denies a visa for reasons previously disclosed to BUNAC, a refund minus administrative and airline charges (if applicable) will be given. Please refer to the programme application and flight booking forms for full refund details. If a visa is denied for reasons not disclosed to BUNAC, no refund will be given.

Notes

- ♦ Your passport must be in GOOD condition and valid until at least 2013.
- ♦ Some nationalities are granted a single entry visa, if this is the case then you would not be able to leave the US until your final departure date as if you did prior to this you would not be granted re-entry. There is no way to ensure that you will obtain a multiple entry visa.

Please apply early. As a non-UK passport holder there is a risk that your application will be held for additional processing so the early you begin your visa application the sooner you will find if you have been granted a visa.