South Africa Center Visa FAQs

Q. What type of visa do I need to apply for?
A. You will apply for a South Africa Temporary Residence Study Permit.

Q. What documents do I need to submit for my Study Permit?
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- A duly completed application form (BI-1738) signed by applicant
- Passport valid for no less than 30 days upon completion of studies
- Two (2) passport photos
- Notarized copy of birth certificate
- Proof of medical report (physical test by your physician)
- Radiological report (chest X-Ray) or skin TB test
- Police clearance certificate (criminal background check) from all countries the applicant has lived in since age 18 for one year or longer
- Proof of health coverage (health insurance) (Provided by LIU Global)
- Roundtrip flight itinerary
- An official letter from the institution in South Africa confirming acceptance and duration of the course (provided by LIU Global)
- An official letter of enrolment from the institution of learning concerned in the U.S. if applicable (provided by LIU Global)
- Proof of financial means in the form of bank statement and notarized letter from the parents stating the financial responsibility
- A **repatriation deposit of $1,500.00 money order** in case of applicants travelling on one way ticket

Q. Are there any fees to apply for a permit?
A. There is a non-refundable fee of a $72 money order for processing your permit. For New York Consulate applicants only, there is a $16 money order fee for overnight mailing.

Q. What should I put as my Category of Permit Being Applied For on the Temporary Residence Permit application?
A. You should check the section where it says Study (> 3 months).

Q. When should I begin the process of applying for a permit?
A. You should begin collecting the documents (police clearance, medical reports, etc.) about 3 months prior to submitting your application, as these documents can take some time to obtain. Plan on submitting your documents to the consulate no later than 2 weeks prior to your program start date.

Q. Where do I file my application?
A. This depends on the state in which you have a permanent residence in the United States. Check the website at http://www.southafrica-newyork.net/homeaffairs/jurisdiction.htm to find out where to file your application and specific requirements.