

## Arriving in the US

Before you leave your home country, take the time to double-check that you have gathered all the documents you will need for your travel and stay in the United States. A student traveling to the United States will need to present several items to the immigration officer at the port of entry (arriving airport or border entry).

**Hand carry the following items--Do not check these documents in your baggage.** (You will need these documents to be able to enter the United States and if your baggage is lost or delayed, this could create a problem.)

1. Your passport, valid for at least six months beyond the date of your expected stay
2. SEVIS Form I-20.

In addition, it is recommended that you also hand carry the following documentation in case you need to verify this information:

- \* Birth Certificate (a notarized translation into English)
- \* Immunization and Medical Records
- \* Evidence of financial resources (bank letters, etc.)
- \* Evidence of student status, such as acceptance letter and recent tuition receipts
- \* Paper receipt for the SEVIS fee, Form I-797
- \* Name and contact information for your WCS Designated School Official, including a 24-hour emergency contact number.
- \* Name, address, and contact information of your Host Family in Bartlesville, OK

For comprehensive information on procedures for traveling and arriving in the United States, visit: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/>.

If arriving by air: flight attendants will distribute Customs Declaration Forms (CF-6059) and Arrival-Departure Record Forms (I-94). The address of the I-94 should be where you are staying in Bartlesville NOT the school address. These must be completed prior to landing.

If arriving by land or sea: the CBP Officer at the port of entry will provide the necessary Customs Declaration Forms (CF-6059) and Arrival-Departure Record Forms (I-94) to be filled out upon your arrival.

### What to Expect Upon Arriving at the Port of Entry

Proceed to the terminal area for arriving passengers. Have the following documents available for presentation: your **passport; SEVIS Form I20; Arrival-Departure Record Form I-94** which is given to you by the flight attendant prior to landing; and the **Customs Declaration Form (CF-6059)** also given to you by the flight attendant.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agent will take your biometric fingerprints and photograph. All visitors entering the United States must state their reason for wishing to enter the country and provide information about your final destination. **It is important that you tell the CBP Officer that you will be a student.** Be prepared with the name and address of the school and the address of your host family.

Once your inspection is successfully completed, the inspecting officer will:

- \* Stamp your SEVIS Form for duration of status for F visa holders. Keep pages that are returned to you.
- \* Stamp and staple Part of the I-94 into your passport. Do not lose it! The stapled portion will be removed when you leave the United States.

Make an appointment to visit and tour the school as soon as possible after your arrival.

