

OVERSEAS PASSPORT HOLDERS



As a foreign 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 an Embassy which is not in your home country, a number of factors will be taken into consideration when assessing your application, for example 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 2008
- Your home country does not have a 'good' relationship with America
- You have had a visa refusal or visa problems previously
- You have a criminal conviction
- It is felt that you do not speak conversational level of English
- 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.

Having a non-UK passport does not automatically mean that you will have problems, however the Embassy can hold any application for additional processing if they feel it is necessary.

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 Britain at the end of summer.

This could be:

- Accommodation commitments for October 2008 (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.
- Proof that you will be continuing studies in October 2008 (letter from university)
- Family commitments, etc. (letter from family members)
- 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.

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 or is not granted a visa.

Additional Embassy Paperwork

The following nationalities must complete additional paperwork to include with their visa application

China	Russia
Cuba	Somalia
Iran	Sudan
Libya	Syria
Northern Cyprus	Vietnam
North Korea	

BUNAC will send you details of the extra forms you must complete when you receive your visa application pack.

Visa Issuance Fee

The US Embassy charges a visa application fee to everyone applying for a visa (approx £55). Instructions on how to pay this will be sent with your visa forms. 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 2009.
- Some nationalities are granted a single entry visa, meaning they will not be able to leave the US until their final departure date. There is no way to ensure that you will obtain a multiple entry visa.

Delays at the US Embassy are likely for Overseas Passport Holders. **Please apply early.** If held for additional processing it can take between 4 – 8 weeks for your application to be processed.