

Consulate General of Spain in Boston

Student Visa Application

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Student Visa*

It is recommendable that applications for this type of visa be presented less than four months in advance and more than four weeks before the departure date, as the visa is valid only three months after it is issued and its delivery process may need about four weeks.

This visa allows you to study or do research work in Spain for periods exceeding three months.

U.S. citizens do not need a visa to study in Spain for less than 90 days.

Nationals of the countries that require visas to travel to the Schengen area have to obtain a student visa to study in Spain for less than 90 days..

You can apply at this Consulate if you have your residency in our jurisdiction (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine). If you live or study in another area please check which is the appropriate Consulate.

The application must be submitted in person.

By submitting your student visa application you can also apply for the visa for your spouse and children under 18 years of age.

The visa will be affixed to your passport before you depart the United States and it must be presented at your point of entry into the Schengen areas.

Documents you must submit in order to apply for a Student Visa:

- 1  [National Visa Application](#) and 1 supplement application form  [Application 2](#) (forms fully filled out and signed).
- 1 color **photo** with a white background (passport size).

- **Passport:** The passport must be valid for the intended period of your stay in Spain with at least one blank page to affix the visa.
- **Evidence of your migratory status in the USA** (Only for non US citizens): Provide your "Alien Registration Card" or "US Visa with I-20/IAP-66" (except B1-B2); those documents must be valid for your return to USA after the expiration date of your visa.
- **Letter of acceptance as a full time student from Spain's University/School or US program indicating:** name, address and registration number of the school with Spain's Department of Education (Ministerio de Educación de España).
- **Health Insurance:** letter from the Health Insurance Company with international insurance coverage for health/accident during the planning period of stay in Spain.
- **Proof of financial means during your stay:** please provide **one** of the following:
 - _Notarized letter from your parents or legal guardian assuming full financial responsibility for at least the IPREM (minimum income official index that is officially published) 537.84€ per month for room and board. Suggested wording: "I hereby certify that I am the (father/mother/other) of (...), that I will support him/her with a monthly allowance of at least the IPREM, that is to say 537.84€ while he/she is in Spain and that I am financially responsible for any emergency that may arise".
 - _If that is the case, letter from the University or School in Spain or in the USA expressly assuming responsibility for the financial aid or scholarship program of your stay.
 - _Personal bank account statements showing that you are in a position to sustain yourself with at least the quoted IPREM amount.
- **Non-refundable visa fee "Money-Order"** payable to the Consulate of Spain, \$160.00 for US citizens, \$71.00 for other nationalities, citizens of Canada have to send an e-mail to cog.boston@maec.es for visa fee information.
- **Notarized authorization letter (only if the applicant is under 18 years of age)** from the parents or custodians authorizing the minor to apply for the visa to travel and study in Spain for the period of time that the minor (from date to date) will be studying in Spain. The document also has to say the name and surname, DNI or NIE number, address and phone number of the persons responsible for the minor in Spain. This letter has to be submitted with the minor's birth certificate.
- **Certificate of Non-Criminal Records (Only for stays of more than 180 days and 18 year old and older applicants) issued by the State or Federal (FBI) police** and by the countries where you have lived more than six months during the last 5 years. The Certificate has to bear the Apostille

of the Hague Convention or be legalized by the Spanish Consulate. Original translated into Spanish and one copy will be needed (contact a legal translator).

• **Medical certificate** (for stays over 180 days only): This Certificate must be signed in the hand of the doctor (M.D. or D.O.) in a letter-head paper in the following format:

“This medical certificate attests that Mr./ Mrs.does not suffer from any illness that would pose a threat to public health following International Health Regulations of 2005.”

If stay visas will also be requested for the family, the applicant has to proof that he has enough means to sustain each family member (75% of IPREM, for spouse and 50% of IPREM for children). Additionally he has to present proof of the family link: for spouse: marriage certificate; for children: birth certificate. The certificates have to bear the Apostille of the Hague Convention.

Applicants **must submit originals and copies of the above mentioned documents.**

The passport must be left in our office so we can process your visa.

It generally takes about three to four weeks to process this type of visa.

Once approved, the visa loses its force if not collected in two months.

If granted, your visa will allow you to study in Spain for the requested period of time, as specified on the visa sticker (“del al ...”). It will be considered as a foreigner identity card if the period of stay does not exceed six months. For a longer period in Spain it is necessary to apply for an identity card.

If the compliance of a requirement is in doubt, the Consulate is empowered to ask for additional documentation.

** The Consulate General in Boston has drafted this page with an exclusive informative, pragmatic purpose and seeking to facilitate the process of obtaining a student visa, but it is only the Spanish legislation for foreigners that prevails and, while we think the summary given is correct, this Consulate does not accept responsibility for omissions or unwanted errors.*