

THINGS TO BE CARRIED TO THE CONSULATE

This information is to the best of my knowledge as far as US Consulate at Mumbai is concerned. I arranged all the materials in a "HARMONIUM" file. This is a kind of file which has many sections and has a small tag holder for every section, where you can place a small tag about what the section holds, so that when u put your finger on that tab and open the section you get the required documents. You can get a "HARMONIUM" style file for around 250 to 325 Rs.

Now getting back to the list of documents, they are listed as I arranged them in order from the outermost section in my file-folder. Its upto your convenience as to how you arrange them.

	Materials to be carried along
1)	I-20(signed) and Admission Letter of the University you want the VISA for + AID Letter (if any)
2)	I-20s and Admission Letters / Acceptance Letters / Rejection Letters of other Univs you applied to
3)	GRE & TOEFL Score Reports (Originals)
4)	Bank Passbook of the SB or Current type account + <u>Bank Certificate</u> (<i>Opt</i>) + Papers clarifying big entries in your PASSBOOK (Click to learn more)
5)	INCOME PAPERS :->IT return Statement of your sponsors(Form 16) /If your sponsor is into business.. <u>BUSINESS Papers</u> + Agricultural Income Proof (click to learn more)
6)	<u>CA Statement</u> + <u>Affidavit of Support</u>
7)	FIXED Deposits + (ICICI or RBI or else) <u>Bonds</u> + <u>Private FDs</u>
8)	LIC + UTI + PF + PPF + Super-Annuation Papers of your sponsor
9)	NSC + Indira Vikas Patra + Kisan Vikas Patra + <u>Share Certificates</u>
10)	House Tax Bill(<i>Previous</i>) + Land Papers (<i>If showing agricultural income or immovable</i>) + Factory Papers (<i>If into mfg</i>)+ Evaluation of Land &/+ House (<i>to show the value of your immovable</i>)
11)	Emails of correspondence with professors of your Univ + SOP + Biodata
12)	Degree Certificate / Provisional Degree Certificate / Bonafide Certificate from your College
13)	Original Marksheets of your Undergrad, HSC, SSC + Transcripts for your college and for HSC(<i>SSC transcripts not needed</i>)
14)	Attested Photocopies of all the documents(not required, but I believed in being Xtra-Cautious)
15)	PASSPORT + <u>VISA Form</u> + 37 mm x 37 mm VISA Photographs, <i>with white background</i> (2 Nos) + Drafts(1. 2115 Rs 2. 3525 Rs. {get Rupee equivalent of a dollar i.e the exchange

rate and make drafts accordingly, at my time the exchange rates were 1\$ = 47 Rs, the original amounts are 45\$ and 75\$} Click here to know more)

If sponsor is employed then...

Salary Certificate (Latest) and Employment Certificate if sponsor is doing a job. If tax is deducted at the source by the company, carry the TDS certificate as well.

If sponsor is a businessman then...

Income-Tax Returns of the Company (atleast 2 years).

Title / Partnership deed.

Passbook of the business account.

Balance-sheet.

Additional Documents (Not mandatory)

Fund Flow Statement

Jewellery Evaluation

House Evaluation

Land Evaluation

Things to be kept in your mind while preparing the file and all the other document:

- Take both copies of your I-20m (the School Copy as well as the Student Copy). SIGN both the copies.
- Carry the original GRE & TOEFL Score reports and produce them when asked for your scores.
- Carry the Bank Passbook/Bank Statement (Originals) of your sponsor...In Case of a distant Co-Sponsor, you can carry the photocopies of these documents.
- Originals of FDs of your main sponsor are required, whereas Photocopies of FDs of Co-Sponsor will suffice.
- Take IT return papers of last 2 years.
- The VISA photographs are known to the Studio people, so you just go and tell them to get a VISA photograph. It is a photograph, showing your face closely. It has a white background, and its dimensions are 37 mm X 37 mm.