

Park University Visa Interview Tips

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Your ability to secure the F-1 student visa will be determined by your ability to convince the visa officer of the following:

1) You have the academic focus to be a successful student in the USA

2) You can financially afford your studies

Overall, the visa officer will be looking to determine that you are **credible (that you are not lying)**.

What to do:

- 1) BEFORE the interview or before you are admitted to Park University, visit [EducationUSA](#) in your country which is the official US government advisors for study in the USA. This is very important to gather information about the process of studying in the USA and also shows you are serious about the process. Discuss your experience visiting EducationUSA during your visa interview.
- 2) Give very specific answers (No general or broad answers). Look the visa officer in the eyes which is important in USA culture. Also, if you are applying for a bachelor's degree and have been out of school for a long period of time give specific reasons why and what you were doing during the gap in studies.
- 3) Make your case clearly. Do not wait for the visa officer to ask specific questions, take initiative in the interview and get the specific points across that you need to. The interview is very short. Pretend you are in a short job interview and need to convince the officer you are the best candidate for the visa.
- 4) Provide a detailed explanation on why you chose Park University, your relationship to your financial sponsor and what your sponsor does for a living. The bank statement should be sufficient for at least one year of studies but an explanation is needed as well.
- 5) Study for and take the [SAT exam for undergraduate studies](#) or [GRE exam for graduate studies](#). Studying for and taking either the SAT or GRE shows you are a serious student.
- 6) Pay for a semester of tuition fees in advance. Then bring the receipt of the payment to the visa interview and show the visa officer. If you would like to pay for your semester in advance, please contact Kevin Vicker at kevin.vicker@park.edu. It is refundable if you do not get the visa.