

# International Students

Bethany encourages applications from residents of other countries. As many as ten countries are represented on campus each year. Prospective international students may apply to Bethany through the application form which appears on the Bethany College website at <https://www.bethanywv.edu/admissions-aid/apply/international-students/>.

In addition to the application form, prospective international students must submit a complete secondary school transcript, "O" or "A" level examination results (if appropriate), a declaration of financial support and supporting documentation (available on the website address listed above), an official bank statement demonstrating financial sufficiency for at least one year's total expenses, one letter of recommendation, and a current copy of the applicant's passport.

English language proficiency must be demonstrated for any student whose native language is not English and did not attend a secondary school in which English was the language of instruction. This may be satisfied by documentation of a preferred score of 70 or above on the TOEFL Internet-based test, 6 or above on the IELTS, or 95 or above on DuoLingo. Bethany College will also accept documentation of successful completion of ELS 112 as proof of English proficiency.

If a student intends to request transfer credit for previous post-secondary work, submit official copies of NACES member evaluations of academic records from any post-secondary educational institution attended outside the United States. If the student does not intend to request transfer credit, they may submit an official transcript directly from the non-U.S. institution. Submit official copies of any U.S. transcripts directly from the institution.

Students must submit a copy of the identification page of their passport before an I-20 can be issued.

Bethany does provide merit-based scholarships for international students, but does not provide need-based financial aid. Upon acceptance to Bethany, students will receive written notification, and once all financial support documentation has been received, the Form I-20 is sent to secure a student visa from the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. In order to be enrolled, each student's account must be paid in full on or before the specified due dates applicable to each semester.

Prospective international students are urged to begin the application process as early as possible and to have submitted all appropriate credentials and documents at least four months prior to the beginning of the semester in which they wish to enroll.