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INFORMATION FOR STUDENT VISA APPLICANTS

The Consular Section accepts student visa applications on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 07:30 am. Prior to the interview, applicants must pay a processing fee of \$100 or equivalent in Guinean Franc at ECOBANK Conakry, Avenue de la République.

*There is **No Refund** of the \$100 processing fee even if the visa is subsequently denied.
Biographic information provided at Ecobank must be that from the applicant's passport.*

A/ REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL STUDENT VISA APPLICANTS

- ❑ A completed DS-156 application form completed and signed. It is mandatory to complete the application at this convenient online site: <http://evisaforms.state.gov>. Bring all of the original printed pages from your EVAF (Electronic Visa Application Form). Please do not fold the printed application form.
- ❑ A completed DS-157 form (only for male applicants aged 16 to 45 years). Available at: <http://foia.state.gov/FORMS/visa/ds0157.pdf>.
- ❑ A completed DS-158 form available at: <http://foia.state.gov/FORMS/visa/ds0158.pdf>
- ❑ A current passport with at least 6 months of remaining validity.
- ❑ A photo (50mm x 50mm) taken against a light background. Available downtown at ABD Photo and Amina Photo.
- ❑ The receipt for the payment of the \$100 processing fee at Ecobank.
- ❑ An original I-20, signed by appropriate official at the institution the student is planning to attend. Students should apply prior to the beginning of the classes as shown on item 5 of the I-20.

B/ RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTS

- ❑ Evidence that the student has successfully passed the Baccalaureate for academic studies in the United States of America.
- ❑ Grades/ transcripts from previously attended classes in Guinea or the United States.

C/ FINANCIAL EVIDENCE

Documentary evidence submitted during the interview should reflect the prospective student's ability to pay for his studies during the length of time he anticipates studying in the U.S. This should include enough readily available funds to meet all expenses for the first academic year. He must also show that adequate funds will be available for each subsequent year of study from the same source or from other specifically identified and reliable financial sources. If the student's sponsor(s) live(s) in Guinea or elsewhere outside the United States, the following documents will be required from each sponsor:

- ❑ A notarized affidavit of support specifying the amount and length of time of the financial support the sponsor will provide and sponsor's other financial obligations.
- ❑ Bank statements with average monthly balances over the past six months.
- ❑ Salary statements for the last three months.
- ❑ A statement from the sponsor's employer showing the date sponsor began work, current salary, and whether the position is full-time or temporary.

If your sponsor(s) live(s) in the United States, please provide all the above information plus originals or certified copies of W-2 form(s) and a federal income tax return for the most recent calendar year.

Official Holiday List for 2007

The Consular Section is closed on last Thursdays of the month.

In addition, please take notice of the following dates in 2007 when we will be CLOSED.

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
New Year's Day	Monday	January 1	US/GG
M.L.King's Day	Monday	January 15	US
President's Day	Monday	February 19	US
<i>Maouloud*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>	<i>March 31*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>
Second Republic Day	Tuesday	April 3	GG
Lundi de Paques/Easter	Monday	April 9	GG
Labor Day	Tuesday	May 1	GG
OAU Anniversary	Friday	May 25	GG
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28	US
Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4	US
Assumption Day	Wednesday	August 15	GG
Labor Day	Monday	September 3	US
Independence Day	Tuesday	October 2	GG
Columbus Day	Monday	October 8	US
<i>Lailatoul Qadr*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>	<i>October 9*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>
<i>End of Ramadan*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>	<i>October 13*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 12	US
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22	US
<i>Tabaski*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>	<i>December 20*</i>	<i>GRH*</i>
Christmas Day	Tuesday	December 25	US/GG

Please note: US stands for U.S. holidays, GG stands for Guinean government holidays, and GRH* stands for Guinean religious holidays, which are denoted with an asterisk (*). The Lunar calendar governs these holidays and religious authorities must confirm the dates.

For additional information, please visit our website at: <http://conakry.usembassy.gov/index.html>.