

10 Tips for a Successful Visa Interview: F-1 and J-1 Visas

The tips below are intended to help you prepare for your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate in your home country.

1. Ties to Home Country

until they can convince the consular officer that they are not. You must therefore be able to show that you have reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the

6. Supplemental Documentation

It should be clear at a glance to the consular officer what written documents you are presenting and what they signify. Lengthy written explanations cannot be quickly read or evaluated. Remember that

you will have 2-3 minutes of interview time, if you're lucky.

7. Not All Countries Are Equal

Applicants from countries suffering economic problems or from countries where many students have remained in the United States as immigrants will have more difficulty getting visas. Statistically, applicants from these countries are more likely to be asked about job opportunities at home after their