

### **Foreign Exchange/International Student Program**

Students who enter the United States with I-20 forms registered by their exchange agency are on a **J-1 visas** and are considered **Foreign Exchange Students**.

Dayspring Christian Academy is qualified to register I-20 forms with SEVIS (Homeland Security). This enables **International Students** to obtain **F-1 visas** to enter the United States.

#### Admissions

A foreign exchange/international student must initially be qualified through an exchange agency. Exchange agencies must be approved by school administration.

The Admission department will assess candidates to ensure the appropriate diversity of gender, country of origin, and age.

Foreign exchange/international student's host family must be a member of Dayspring Christian Academy, in good standing.

Foreign exchange/international students do not have to be born-again believers, however, their faith, customs and practices may not be in conflict with the values held by Dayspring Christian Academy. Students must be willing to abide by school rules and policies of the school and be respectful of the Christian faith.

We do not accept foreign exchange/international students for less than one full year..

Typically, foreign exchange/international students attend Dayspring Christian Academy for one (1) year. If a student requests to attend Dayspring Christian Academy for additional years, approval must be granted by the Headmaster. This approval will be based upon the student's academic performance, social adaptation, command of the English language and evidence of mature character development.

#### Scholarships and Tuition

Two scholarships per year—including application fee, enrollment fee and tuition—may be granted to foreign exchange/international students. Scholarships for the fees related to activities, retreats, etc. shall be awarded as deemed necessary.

Foreign exchange/international students not receiving scholarships shall pay all fees and the yearly tuition prior to the first day of school.

International students for whom Dayspring Christian Academy has registered I-20 forms will pay an additional fee for this service. This fee is due prior to the first day of school.

Foreign exchange/international students withdrawing during the first thirty (30) days of school will be subject to the standard withdrawal policy.

Foreign exchange/international students withdrawing after the first thirty (30) days of school shall not receive a refund.

## Athletic Participation

All students whether exchange or international have only one (1) year of eligibility to participate in CCAC and PIAA sports.

## Enrollment and Graduation

First-year foreign exchange/international students will be placed in 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade as determined by their age, previous academic performance, social levels, command of the English language, and Dayspring's entrance testing.

Returning foreign exchange/international students will be placed in their appropriate grade levels based upon previous year's performance. A returning student seeking graduation will be placed in 12<sup>th</sup> grade provided they have successfully completed one (1) full year at Dayspring Christian Academy and are academically qualified to do so.

The recommended number of new foreign exchange/international students is four (4) students per year. Consideration for accepting additional students may take place based on high school enrollment and dynamics of current student body. Approval will be made by the Headmaster.