



STUDENT VISA for Minors (Under 18 Years)

- It takes approximately **4 weeks** from the moment that all documents are correctly submitted to the Consulate General for a student visa to be issued. Spain is a very popular destination for both students and tourists and as such we often receive a high volume of applications. We recommend that you schedule an appointment in good time, remember that we cannot accept incomplete applications.
- If your study program lasts for more than **180 day**, you will need to submit a medical certificate.
- US citizens may enter Spain for study purposes for up to **90 days** without a visa.

WHERE AND WHEN TO APPLY

- **The Consulate of Spain in San Francisco will consider applications for Visas by appointment only, and with one appointment per person. To schedule an appointment visit our [website](#).** Please note that you can **only** apply for your visa 90 days before your departure to Spain.
- Apply at this Consulate, if you study or your permanent address is in: **Alaska, California** (excluding the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, San Bernardino, Santa Bárbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial which are under the jurisdiction of the Consulate of Spain in Los Angeles), **Hawaii, Idaho, Guam, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington or Wyoming**. For other States, check our website for the [corresponding Consulate](#).
- You must apply in person. If your legal representative submits the application on your behalf (**parents or legal guardians** only), you must additionally submit a written, duly signed, and notarized letter of authorization. The applicant must come in person to pick up the visa. Study Abroad Program Coordinators may request authorization by fax or email to act as legal representatives for a group of students.

WHAT TO SUBMIT

The Consulate General of Spain in San Francisco has full authority to evaluate and request documents in addition to those initially submitted by the applicant. Submitting these documents does not guarantee automatic issuance of the visa. Under no circumstances will documents submitted during the visa application be returned to the applicant. We kindly advise you to always keep a copy for your own records.

Please submit the following documents:

1. **National visa application form, one original and one copy:** The application form must be completed either by hand or word processed, and duly signed. Make your copy once you have filled out the application form. Please use the international date format DD/MM/YYYY.
2. **Passport and ID, originals and one copy of each:** Your passport must be valid for at least the full duration of your stay in Spain and must contain at least two blank pages to affix the visa. Your passport will remain at the Consulate during the process. Please also provide proof of residency with a copy of one of the following: US Driver's license, US State ID, Voter Registration Card, current Student ID. Your ID card will be returned to you.
3. **Two passport sized photos:** Recent photograph, on a white background, 2x2in, one per application form.
4. **Parental authorization to travel:** Written letter of parental authorization signed by the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the visa applicant authorizing to travel to Spain for the purpose of studying. This must be duly notarized before a recognized Notary Public.
5. **Original school acceptance letter and copy:** An acceptance letter from public or private school in Spain you will be attending, confirming your status as a full time student in Spain. This should include: name, address, telephone number, email address and registration number with the Spanish Ministry of Education of the educational center, duration of the course (start date and finish date), subject(s) to be studied, and weekly study hours (20 hours minimum). If you are studying in Spain via a US bases organization, you must submit a letter from said organization confirming your participation.
6. **Proof of accommodation:** Your host family in Spain or the US-based sending organization must request approval for the minor to study in Spain in line with the guidelines provided by the Ministry of the Interior. You can find more information at the following link. Additionally, the host family in Spain, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s), must sign an agreement confirming that they will take care of the minor during their stay in Spain and that the host family has no intention or legal right to adopt the minor during or after their stay in Spain. This must include the home address of the host family, and the national ID number of the responsible adult(s). In the



case of staying in student accommodation, please provide proof of this along with the details of the person who will be responsible for the minor for the duration of their stay in Spain.

7. **Proof of intended flight itinerary:** Please provide an email confirmation or website screen shot print out of your intended flight itinerary either direct from the airline or from a flight comparison website clearly showing you intended date of departure and route. We highly recommend not purchasing your flight tickets until your visa has been approved.
8. **Evidence of funds:** Provide one of the following:
 - Statement from the /School or US program assuming full financial responsibility for room and board (commonly included in the *acceptance letter*).
 - Proof of financial aid or scholarship of at least 100% IPREM, or prepaid accommodation. You can check the IPREM at: <http://www.iprem.com.es/>
 - Notarized letter signed by your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) declaring full financial responsibility for room and board of the specified amount. Suggested wording: *"I hereby certify that I the (father, mother, other) of (...), will support her/him with a monthly allowance of \$... while she/he is in Spain and that I am financially responsible for any emergency that may arise"*.
9. **Public or private health insurance:** Proof of full medical coverage for the duration of your stay in Spain from an insurer authorized to operate in Spain which covers medical costs and repatriation resulting from accident or sudden illness.
10. **Medical Certificate** **FOR STAYS OVER 180 DAYS**: A recent doctor's statement, dated no older than three months before the application date, on the doctor or medical center's letterhead, duly signed and stamped, indicating that *'the student has been examined and found free of any contagious diseases according to the International Health Regulation 2005'*. Must be signed by an M.D.
11. **Evidence of Immigration Status in the US** **NON-US PASSPORT HOLDERS ONLY**: Provide original and copy of your Permanent Resident Card or a US Visa with I-20. Your document must be valid for the full duration of your stay in Spain and allow you to return to the US after your stay in Spain. The original document will be returned to you.
12. **In the case of staying with a host family:** A letter confirming the personal details and address of the adult(s) who will be responsible for the minor during their stay in Spain, clearing stating that they have no intention to adopt the minor during or after their stay in Spain.

Please be advised that additional requirements might be requested

VISA FEES

- Please visit our website to check the most recent [visa fees](#)
- We only accept cash (exact change) or money orders made payable to the Consulate General of Spain in San Francisco. No personal checks, no credit cards.
- The visa processing fee will not be returned even if the visa is denied or cancelled

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- To **check the status** of your visa application, please visit: <http://sutramiteconsular.maec.es> and enter the code that will be provided to you on a printed receipt during in your interview. No information will be given by telephone or email. When checking this page, "**resuelto**" means that your visa is ready to be picked from the Consulate in person by the visa applicant up Mon-Fri 12-1:30pm.
- **For programs over 180 days**, you must first obtain a student visa from the Consulate before departure. Within a month of arrival in Spain, you must request a Foreign Resident ID Card (*Tarjeta de Identidad Extranjero*) from the Spanish Police (*Policía Nacional*) valid for the duration of your studies. Please contact local police for more information. Do not be alarmed that your visa is only valid for 90 days, this is normal.
- Your authorized stay in Spain is printed on the visa ("del... al..."). Please note that the date is given using the European format: DD/MM/YYYY.
- For information about acquiring the Apostille of The Hague Convention in the US, please visit: http://travel.state.gov/law/judicial/judicial_2545.html

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