

STUDENT VISA

The Consular administration has full authority to evaluate any application and request other documents in **addition to those submitted by the applicant**. The latter is hereby informed that **submitting the aforementioned documents does not guarantee issuance of the visa**.

Processing time for visa, according to Italian law, can take up to **90 days**, depending on the applicant's nationality. **Rush processing is not possible**.

Documents needed to apply for a student visa:

- Duly filled Schengen Visa [application form](#)** (please print) to be signed before a Consular Officer at the Consulate General in Chicago or one of its Honorary Consulates (see Consular Jurisdiction on our website).
- Applicant's recent passport-size photograph** stapled/glued to the application form;
Important notes on photographs:
 - The photograph must be recent, full face and front view;
 - Use an actual passport photograph (2" x 2"), do not trim an existing one;
 - Do not enclose the photograph, staple/glue it to the application form. If the photograph is stapled, staples must be placed as far away as possible from the applicant's face;
 - Photocopied photographs are not accepted;
 - Digital photographs must be reproduced without discernible pixels or pattern dots, on thin photo-quality paper.
- Applicant's valid passport** + 1 photocopy of the page with photo and personal information. The expiration date of the passport must exceed that of the visa by at least 90 days. Please make sure the passport has at least one blank page to affix the visa.
- Proof of residence** in the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Chicago in the form of a notarized photocopy of the applicant's drivers license/State ID/college ID.

For non-US citizens:

- Green card/other valid long term visa** (+ 1 photocopy) such as F1 + endorsed I-20, IAP-66, advanced parole document or any other pertinent document issued by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration (ex INS) as proof that you can re-enter the USA. US visas B1 and B2 are not valid for this purpose.
- Return envelope**. To have your passport returned by mail, please enclose a self – addressed and pre-paid USPS “Express Mail” envelope (see [sample](#)). No other courier will be accepted. Otherwise you can pick up your passport at the front desk at the Consulate General of Italy in Chicago.

- Notarized **affidavit of support** (see forms section on our website).
- Proof of financial means: the person who signs the affidavit must submit either a recent (no older than 1 month) **notarized bank statement** (original + 1 photocopy) or a **letter** on bank's letterhead (original + 1 photocopy) attesting adequate financial means. The amount of funds must be specified (at least \$1,000 per month are required). Students who benefit financial aid must present documented proof in the form of a letter from the academic institution on original letterhead (+ 1 photocopy).
- Letter of enrollment** (+ 1 photocopy) in a US academic institution + **Letter of acceptance** (+ 1 photocopy) from an accredited academic institution in Italy.

These letters must:

- Be in original on the institution letterhead;
- Be addressed to the Consulate General of Italy in Chicago;
- Bear the name of the applicant;
- Bear the complete name and address of the institution;
- Specify the exact period of study (for dates please use the *DD/MM/YYYY* format), specifying full-time enrollment for the period indicated;
- Bear the seal of the institution;
- Guarantee that tuition and room/board expenses are fully covered.
- Proof of health insurance coverage (both documents are required):
 - **certificate** issued by health insurance company proving that you have coverage for accidents and illness while traveling outside of the USA for no less than \$50,000,00;
 - **affidavit of overseas health insurance** (see forms section on our website), i.e. a formal commitment to take out an Italian health insurance policy as a supplement to the US health insurance.
- Flight itinerary** for a round trip ticket.

– STUDENT VISA IS FREE OF CHARGE –

**PLEASE DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR DOCUMENTATION BEFORE SUBMITTING
YOUR APPLICATION.**

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED AND PROCESSING WILL
BE RESUMED ONLY AFTER ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
(INCLUDING THE PHOTOCOPIES) ARE PRESENTED.**