



Natural Gourmet Institute

FOR HEALTH AND CULINARY ARTS

Studying at NGI as an International Student

International students are eligible for our full-time Chef's Training Program with an M-1 vocational school student visa. **If you have any other current visa status please be sure to let us know right away as we will need to have this information to properly issue your I-20.** Steps for obtaining a visa to study at NGI include:

1. [Apply for the Chef's Training Program](#)*. As an international student, the following documents must be submitted online with your application:
 - 2 letters of recommendation
 - Proof of graduation from high school – a diploma or transcript from high school or college
 - A resume or CV
 - A headshot
 - Short essay answers
 - Copy of your passport
 - Bank letter certifying that you have access to at least \$36,000 US Dollars.
 - TOEFL Scores of 85+ or intermediate levels in all categories

*Once you've submitted your application, Admissions will be in touch within 5-10 business days regarding your acceptance.

2. Pay the \$9,000 down payment due two weeks after acceptance, in order to enroll in the program and reserve your place in the class. Admissions will then issue you an I-20** ([learn more about the I-20](#)) and mail you a hard copy to arrive within about 2-5 business days.

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3. Pay the [I-901 SEVIS fee](#) and schedule your visa interview with your local US consulate.
4. Carefully read this [Study in the States Guide](#) to understand the visa process and documents needed to obtain your visa.