

## **STUDY VISA**

### **(long-stay, more than 90 days)**

- **Duly filled Visa Application Form.** Please note that all the names appearing on the passport must appear on the application form (all data must match those on the passport). The form must be dated and signed in front of a Visa Officer. Use **Visa Application from the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia** (do not use forms for Embassy or other Consulates). Print legibly address and e mail address of student. **For minor applicants**, the form must be signed by both parents; also, the parents must complete a **Notarized Consent to travel (notary confirmation must be on the same document page)**, attaching a copy of their IDs/passports and the applicant's birth certificate.
- **1 Recent passport-size photograph (2"x2") not older than 6 months**, on white background, full face and front view, stapled/glued to the application form. Scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted;
- **Valid passport + one copy of the main page:** The passport or travel document must be valid at least three months after the visa expiration date. Please make sure the passport has at least 1 blank page to affix the Visa.
- **If you are not US citizen: original and copy of Permanent Residence Card** OR other US immigration document allowing re-entry into the United States valid for at least 90 days since exit from Schengen area (e.g., valid long-term US visa, Advanced Parole, etc.). *International students must submit original and copy of F-1 Visa and endorsed I-20;*
- **Visa fee** (non refundable) in the form of Postal Money Order (USPS) payable to the Consulate General of Italy, with applicant's name and address as the remitter;
- **Original and copy of Driver's License or State ID** as proof of residence in the jurisdiction of this Consulate General. Full-time students may also use original and copy of Student ID. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof of current address (e.g., utility bills, bank statements, etc.);
- **2 originals of Official letter of acceptance from an accredited academic institution in Italy. written in Italian language.** The letter, on the institution's letterhead, must be addressed to the Consulate General of Italy stating that you have been accepted and admitted to its location in Italy, specify **the exact period of study** and bear the official seal of that institution, the full-time enrollment (at least 20 hours per week), if tuition and room/board are covered in full, and including address of accommodation; **Official proof of prior academic background** – i.e. Official transcript of most recent studies complete;
- **Study Abroad students in addition to the above documents must provide:** a letter of enrollment from home academic institution addressed to the Consulate General of Italy, indicating the student's current status (full-time in good standing) and expected date of graduation. This letter must be accompanied by the letter of acceptance into the Study Abroad Program, when this is sponsored by a different US College or University. Students should contact the study abroad office of the University for possible batch processing of visa application.  
Students applying for full-time enrollment or "**corsi singoli**" at an Italian University, must first contact the Education Department of the Italian Consulate General competent for the territory of their official residence  
Visas **will not be issued** for private school programs in basic language instruction;
- **Proof of financial means** must be presented in **one** of the following manners:
  - An original/standard **bank statement** or a **letter** on the bank's letterhead, signed by a bank official and with recent date, indicating **account balance**. (at least \$35 per day of stay in Italy is required, in accordance with the means of support guidelines);
  - **if parents are financially responsible:** submit their **Notarized Affidavit of financial support (notarization must be done on the same document)** stating their financial commitment for expenses incurred in Italy. A **letter** or **bank statement** from their bank, in the bank's letterhead, signed by a bank

official and with a recent date, indicating **account balance**. (at least \$35 per day of stay in Italy is required, in accordance with the means of support guidelines);

- **Health Insurance** coverage **must** be presented in **one** of the following manners:
  - a signed **declaration** from your health insurance company **OR** by the Study Abroad Program, stating that the student has **full** coverage for hospitalization, emergencies, evacuation and repatriation incurred in Italy during his/her period of stay there for a minimum of \$50,000. The dates of program must be mentioned;
  - If you cannot obtain the above mentioned declaration or do not have a health insurance policy, then you must show proof of purchase of an Italian health insurance, **OR** present a notarized **Affidavit of Overseas Health Insurance Coverage** (under "forms") stating you will purchase an Italian insurance policy upon your arrival in Italy, before registering with the local Police dept. Questura;
- **Proof of suitable lodging** if not included in the letter of acceptance from the Italian Institution;
- **Confirmed flight reservation** for a round trip. Note: Exact border of entry must be indicated (page 2 of application). US Citizens Students may arrive earlier and leave later than the exact program dates, but not to exceed 90 days for tourism in a six month period;
- **Return envelope**: required if applicant cannot pick up passport with the visa in person. Please provide **postage paid, self addressed envelope** with tracking number plus mailing disclaimer form. Take care to fill out mail label completely with all required information;

Students should prepare at least one duplicate copy of the complete application package submitted for their own file and record to keep at home, but do not submit to this Consulate, as well as copy of return envelope. The submittal should be one original application. **We return an important notice of instruction and one original acceptance letter with our Consular stamp – required in student's possession upon arrival in Italy.**

- **In case the applicant might have acquired the Italian Citizenship, it is his/her duty to notify the Consulate immediately to avoid immigration problems.**
- **This consular administration has full authority to evaluate and request additional documentation, if deemed necessary, in addition to what is submitted. Furthermore, the applicant is hereby informed that submitting all required documentation does not guarantee the issuance of a Visa.**