

U.S. Visa Interview Tips and Example Questions

Remember the main things that you have to prove when applying for a nonimmigrant visa:

1. You should have no immediate intention of immigrating to the US or abandoning your home country/residence. You will need to prove that you have ties to your home country, such as your possessions, employment, social and family relationships. After finishing your studies you should have a plan to return to your home country, knowledge about job prospects waiting for you or a job offer in your home country, or a plan on how you can use the knowledge you gained abroad in your home country.
 2. You should intend to depart from the United States upon completion of the course of study. You should know the limits to staying in the US after your program has finished. As an F-1 student you have 60 days or as a J-1 student you have 30 days, after your program ends to travel within the US and prepare to depart. Overstaying in the US is very serious, it is important that you understand the regulations that international students must follow.
 3. You need to prove that you have sufficient funds to pay for your schooling. If the officer thinks that you will work illegally in the US, your visa will be denied immediately. They will take into account how much your parents earn, how secure their jobs are, if you have brothers or sisters that need funding also, and if you have money saved for your education. Know how much your parent's income is, and information about any scholarship or loan that you have.
 4. Through out the interview, the officer will be checking to see if what you say matches the application and I-20/DS-2019. They will see if you know about the school you will attend, the major you plan to study, and judge if the level of English you have is enough to take university level courses.
- Smile, be polite and look the interview officer in the eye. The officer may not act friendly but this is because they have a serious job to do.
 - Your appearance should convey who you are. If you are a student then you should look like a student. If you are an executive then you should look like an executive.
 - Be confident in your answers and in your knowledge.
 - Answer truthfully to every question. If you are found to be lying, or with fake documents, your visa will be denied immediately with possibly even more adverse consequences.
 - Do not tell any thing that is irrelevant or not asked.
 - If you don't understand what the officer asked you, do not hesitate to ask them to repeat the question.

Possible U.S. Visa Interview Questions

Listed in here are the frequent asked questions in the U.S. visa interview.

01. Why did you decide to go to this specific university?
02. To how many universities have you applied?(admitted to and rejected from)
03. Why is your TOEFL/IELTS/GRE/GMAT/SAT score low?
04. Where did you get your undergraduate degree?
05. Who is sponsoring you?
06. What kind of job does your father have?
07. What is your father's income?
08. Do you have any brothers or sisters?
09. Do you have any relatives in the USA?
10. What will you do after completing your degree?
11. What are your plans after graduation?
12. Why did you decide to study in the USA?
13. Did you get any scholarships?
14. Did you apply for/get any loans?
15. What is the relationship between you and your sponsor?
16. What is your undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA)?
17. If your parent's are retired, then how will they pay?
18. Tell me about your university.
19. Tell me how you can prove that you are going to come back to your home country.
20. Where did you brother/parents complete their studies?
21. Why are you leaving your current job?(if you are working)
22. Have you ever been to the U.S. before?
23. What will you do after coming back?
24. Where do your parents live?
25. Do you know anyone in USA at your University?
26. What will you do if your visa is rejected?
27. Do you plan to come home during the summer?
28. Why do you think the university is giving you a scholarship?
29. Why do you wish to study in the USA and not in your home country?
30. If you have changed your field of study, then what brought about the change?
31. What steps have you taken to ensure that you will be able to perform well in the new field you wish to change to?
32. How will you finance your education for 2 years or 4 years?(generally you have to prove that you have sufficient funds for the first year education but I suggest you be prepared with the answer)
33. Do you have a brother/sister or any other relative already at this University?

Good luck in your U.S. Visa interview!