REQUEST FOR ELIGIBILITY OF
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT
2019-2020

Exception 2 to Bylaw 4-8-1 permits students who possess a J-1 Visa issued by the Federal Government’s Visitor’s Exchange Program to be eligible for athletics for a maximum of one school year (two semesters) provided they meet the scholarship requirement and have not graduated from their home school or attended high school more than eight semesters.

It is the expectation of the OHSAA that all REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS be preceded by a thorough review of the international exchange student’s academic records and educational history. No student who would be considered a “graduate” in his or her home country will be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics at a member school pursuant to Bylaw 4-3-7. The OHSAA will only grant eligibility, under exception 2, to those students who possess a J-1 Visa. Please review Bylaw 4-8-1 for additional exceptions for International Students.

To be completed by the SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/DESIGNEE (not the host parent)

1. Name of School__________________________________________________________

2. Address/City/Zip________________________________________________________

3. Name of Student________________________________________________________

4. Student’s Home Country________________________________________________

5. Exchange Student Program____________________________________________

6. Has student previously graduated from his/her home high school? YES NO
   (Refer to Bylaw 4-3-7, OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws) For further clarification
   (Circle)

7. Has student previously completed eight semesters of high school? YES NO
   (Refer to Bylaw 4-3-3, OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws)
   (Circle)

8. Student’s Date of Birth__________________________________________________

9. Is student scholastically eligible? For initial eligibility (e.g. fall) you will YES NO
   need to review students “home” high school transcript.
   (Circle)

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10. Regarding eligibility for the initial grading period, has the student’s sponsor/placement coordinator provided the school with a complete written English language transcript or summary of the student’s complete academic coursework?  

YES  NO  NA  
(Circle)

11. Have you verified that the student possesses a J-1 Visa?  

YES  NO  
(Circle)

12. Have you requested eligibility for more than five students from the same program during the 2019-20 school year?  

YES  NO  
(Circle)

I hereby acknowledge that the responses on the Request for International Exchange Eligibility Form are accurate and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

____________________________________________  
Signature of Principal/Designee  
____________________________________________  
Name (please print)

To be completed by the INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT (the penalty for participation as an ineligible student is forfeiture of all contests in which you participated.)

1. Are you considered a high school graduate in your home country?  

YES  NO  
(Circle)

2. Have you completed what would be considered eight semesters of American high school as of the date of this request?  

YES  NO  
(Circle)

3. Have you previously participated in an academic year or semester secondary student exchange program in the United States at a different high school?  

YES  NO  
(Circle)

4. Have you received money or remuneration for competing in the sport for which you are requesting eligibility?  

YES  NO  
(Circle)

____________________________________________  
Student Signature  
____________________________________________  
Name (please print)

DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED, ALL REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL BE SENT BACK TO THE MEMBER SCHOOL ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR. PLEASE PERMIT AMPLE TIME FOR REVIEW.

SEND COMPLETED FORM VIA EMAIL TO MOLLY DOWNARD AT mdownard@ohsaa.org AT THE OHSAA OFFICE.

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Student Approved  
Student Disapproved

Date  
Date

For School Year