

## English Proficiency Requirements and Exemptions

International applicants must provide proof of English proficiency as part of their application to Stephen F. Austin State University (see <https://www.sfasu.edu/international/admissions/english-proficiency>).

**Applicants may request an exemption using the attached form for one of the two waiver categories below** (category 1 can be an automatic waiver, but waiver recipients take the responsibility of being able to perform at an academic level appropriate for their studies):

**Category 1** - They are citizens of “**English Waiver Countries**” below who have been educated and earning a diploma or degree in these countries at the secondary or post-secondary level in English.

Antigua and Barbuda	Cayman Islands	Kenya	St. Kitts & Nevis
Anguilla	Dominica	Kiribati	Saint Lucia
Australia	Fiji	Liberia	Singapore
Bahamas	Ghana	Marshall Islands	South Sudan
Barbados	Gibraltar	Mauritius	St Vincent & Grenadines
Belize	Grenada	Micronesia	Trinidad & Tobago
Bermuda	Guyana	Montserrat	Turks & Caicos
British Virgin Islands	Ireland	New Zealand	United Kingdom and Northern Ireland
Canada (except Quebec)	Jamaica	Nigeria	

### OR

**Category 2** - They have completed or will complete a university-level degree with English as the medium of instruction (associate's, bachelor's, master's, etc.) from any of the “**Secondary Waiver Countries**” below †

Botswana	Namibia	Uganda	Zimbabwe
Gambia	Sierra Leone	Zambia	

**\*Disclaimer** – a student claiming a waiver with the information above takes the responsibility of being able to perform at an academic level appropriate for their studies. SFA recommends at least the equivalent of TOEFL 79 or IELTS 6.5 to be successful in an academic program.

† *This exemption does not apply to the **Counseling** or **Student Affairs & Higher Education** graduate programs - applicants to these programs are required to submit a TOEFL score of at least 90 or an IELTS of 6.5, if they do not have an exemption from another category.*

Applicants to any **Educator Preparation Program** must meet the requirements noted in the handbook - <https://sfasu.edu/docs/college-education/epp-handbook.pdf>

## English Proficiency Exemption Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SFA ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting an exemption of the English proficiency requirement because:

I am a citizen of an **“English Waiver Country”** and have been educated and have earned a diploma or degree at the secondary or post-secondary level in English.

I understand that I must submit proof of citizenship with my application.

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

I have completed or will complete a university-level degree with English as the medium of instruction (associate's, bachelor's, master's, etc.) from a **“Secondary Waiver Country”**.

I understand that I must submit a transcript evaluation from this/these institution(s) with my application.

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

I will provide all required information for the exemption I am seeking by submitting it to the SFA Office of International Programs. I understand if I fail to do so, my request may be denied and I will be required to submit one of the forms of English proficiency accepted by Stephen F. Austin State University.

I certify that the information I have provided is complete and correct, and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or appropriate disciplinary action. I authorize the Office of Stephen F. Austin State University International Admissions to verify the information I have provided.

**By claiming this waiver with the information above, I take the responsibility of being able to perform at an academic level appropriate for their studies. SFA recommends at least the equivalent of TOEFL 79 or IELTS 6.5 to be successful in an academic program.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit this form to the International Programs Office along with your admissions materials**