

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Please read the statements below carefully. Please acknowledge your understanding of each of these statements by initialing each blank. This form must be completed and received at Bethlehem College & Seminary before you will be considered for admission.

- _____ 1. I understand that Bethlehem College & Seminary is a Christian university, affiliated with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, and I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the college.
- _____ 2. I understand that I must submit with my application a non-refundable, one-time only application fee of \$25.00USD. I also understand that I must have my academic transcript(s) professionally evaluated. I understand that Bethlehem accepts evaluations from the following organizations: World Education Services (www.wes.org); AACRAO International Educational Services (<http://ies.aacrao.org>); Educational Credential Evaluators (<https://www.ece.org>). I acknowledge that I will be responsible for any evaluation fees. I agree to request that the official evaluation be forwarded to Bethlehem College & Seminary.
- _____ 3. I understand that if I am applying to the Seminary, I must have obtained the equivalency of a U.S. bachelor's degree, as determined by the official evaluation described above.
- _____ 3. I understand that I am required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and have the official scores sent to the Admissions Department at Bethlehem College & Seminary. I understand that if taking TOEFL Bethlehem requires me to take the internet based test (iBT) with a minimum score of 90, and if taking IELTS a minimum score of 7.
- _____ 4. I understand I will have to pay a one-time only fee of \$200.00 to the Dept. of Homeland Security for the operational costs of the Student Visa and Exchange Visitor Information Systems (SEVIS). Payment should be done prior to admittance at www.fmjfee.com after the I-20 is received.
- _____ 5. I understand that if accepted, I must pay a deposit of \$2,000USD. The deposit is refundable if I do not receive a visa. Payment may be made by credit card, wire transfer or other forms of certified payment. I understand that this deposit will be applied to my tuition if I am accepted.
- _____ 6. I understand that if I am applying to the Seminary, or as a junior transfer undergraduate there is a prerequisite of 2 semesters of Greek for my first semester courses. I understand that if I have already studied Greek, I may take an entrance exam to fulfill this prerequisite. I understand that if I have not studied Greek, I will have to enroll in a class to complete this requirement.

- ____ 7. I understand that I must attend the orientation for new students, which takes place the Friday before the fall semester begins, usually in mid-August.
- ____ 8. I understand that I am responsible for the direct cost of my education, as well as any expenses related to traveling to or from, or living in, the United States. I acknowledge that tuition, room and board at Bethlehem is approximately \$23,580 each academic year for a single student, and is subject to increase each year. I understand that this figure increases to \$33,440 if my spouse will be accompanying me, and more if we are bringing children.
- ____ 9. I understand that I am responsible for paying the total cost of each semester in advance.
- ____ 10. I understand that as an F-1 student I can work only on campus (if a job is available). I cannot work off campus until the second year and then only with permission from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).
- ____ 11. I understand that I must purchase and maintain health insurance while enrolled at Bethlehem College & Seminary. I understand that I will need to show proof of my policy prior to the beginning of classes.
- ____ 12. I understand that I am not allowed to request funds from churches or groups within the U.S.A.
- ____ 13. I understand that transportation to and from Minneapolis, MN is my responsibility. I also understand that in the event I am leaving Minneapolis, MN, at the end of a semester, I am to arrange my transportation such that I attend my regularly scheduled final examinations for my courses as listed in the academic catalog.
- ____ 14. I understand that upon graduation I will return to my home country.

I understand each of the following statements as stated above.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please return this form, signed and dated, with your completed application and application fee for admission.

Any questions? Please feel free to contact Mr. Daniel Kleven at daniel.kleven@bcsmn.edu or 612.455.3420 ex. 418