



## **International Student Application Instructions**

We value the richness that other cultures bring to our community and welcome international students at JP the Great.

### **In general, we seek students who:**

- demonstrate a desire to succeed in all areas of life: spiritually, academically, and socially
- have applied themselves in school to the best of their ability, and have been respectful towards fellow students and teachers
- are willing to take a leadership role in our classrooms, in our student clubs, on our athletic fields, and in other important areas of our school life
- are interested in how best to use the knowledge they will acquire in the classroom for the benefit of society
- are motivated to provide service to others because it is the right thing to do, not because there is extra credit involved
- understand that there is great value and satisfaction in being part of something bigger than themselves

### **In addition, qualified international student candidates must:**

1. Be responsible for succeeding with our comprehensive college prep curriculum, including our mandatory Bioethics program (which no other school in the country offers or requires for graduation), without the benefit of an ESL program.
2. Demonstrate English proficiency suitable for success with our college prep curriculum. This is demonstrated through the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) test, or the SLEP (Secondary Level English Proficiency) test, an interview with the Admissions director, and written recommendations from educators.
3. Demonstrate academic ability suitable for success with our college prep curriculum. This is demonstrated primarily through academic report cards and recommendations, as well as standardized tests when possible.
4. Demonstrate emotional maturity and strong moral character. This is demonstrated primarily through recommendations.
5. Be enthusiastic about studying in a Catholic school environment, where faith, prayer, and social service are emphasized daily. While a student need not be Catholic to attend the school, all students are required to participate in the established curriculum and school-time activities.

### **Please be advised:**

1. JP the Great does not offer ESL classes, an ESL program, or ESL assistance.
2. JP the Great does not modify the curriculum or our diploma requirements for any student.
3. If necessary, up to 3 classes may be repeated in summer school to try and earn credit (= "C" or better). JP offers limited summer school options, so make-up classes will likely have to be taken through another accredited program, which must be approved by the JP Academic department in advance.
4. JP the Great has a "no repeat" policy, meaning if a student cannot successfully pass a grade level, they cannot repeat the year at JP, requiring transfer to another high school.
5. Tuition rates for international students are the same as rates for domestic students. There is a Catholic rate and a Non-Catholic rate. Please see the Admissions page of the website for the most up-to-date rate information: <http://www.jpthegreat.org/admissions.html>
6. Tuition for the year must be fully paid in advance before a validated I-20 form will be released for visa processing.

### **Application Instructions\*:**

1. Submit a completed application for admission, along with a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee, via the on-line application system found on the Admissions page of our web site: <http://www.jpthegreat.org/admissions.html>
2. Unless English is the first language, all international students are required to submit the results from a recent TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) test, or SLEP (Secondary Level English Proficiency) test. Indicate Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School as an official score recipient. An official TOEFL or SLEP score report **must be received** to complete your application. We do not have an ESL program at our school; therefore, it is critical that a student's English proficiency be demonstrated prior to admission.
3. Download the Teacher Recommendation Form, and give it to a teacher in your current grade level for completion. The teacher should mail it directly to the Office of Admissions at Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School. An English translation must be provided.
4. Download the Records Release Form, give it to the person at your school who handles student records and have him/her mail an official transcript of your academic work, grades, work habits and behavior directly to the Office of Admissions at Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School. An English translation must be provided.

Once a student has been accepted to Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School and tuition has been paid, the I-20 / visa process may begin. I-20 application forms are issued through the Diocese of Arlington. Please see below for more information about the I-20 process and requirements from the Diocese of Arlington.

#### **FORMS:**

- **On-Line Application for Admission:**  
[https://apps.inresonance.com/pws/applications/pws\\_jpthegreat/](https://apps.inresonance.com/pws/applications/pws_jpthegreat/)

- **Teacher Recommendation Form:**  
[http://www.jpthegreat.org/documents/Teacher\\_Recommendation\\_09-10.pdf](http://www.jpthegreat.org/documents/Teacher_Recommendation_09-10.pdf)
- **Records Release Form:**  
[http://www.jpthegreat.org/documents/Records\\_Release\\_Form\\_2009-2010.pdf](http://www.jpthegreat.org/documents/Records_Release_Form_2009-2010.pdf)

Submit all Forms to:

Office of Admissions  
Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School  
17700 Dominican Dr.  
Dumfries, VA 22026

*\* The application instructions outlined here may be slightly modified for a student applying through a reputable placement agency. In that case, the agency should contact the Director of Admissions to discuss exactly what is required.*

### **From the Diocese of Arlington:**

International student information from the Diocese of Arlington, including the I-20 application, and F1 student transfer form may be found here:

<http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/international.php>

#### **General Information**

[Student and Exchange Visitor Program \(SEVP\)](#)

[SEVP Publication: Nonimmigrants: Who Can Study?](#)

[Becoming a Nonimmigrant Student](#)

[What to Expect When Arriving at a U.S. Port of Entry Maintaining Your Immigration Status While a Student SEVIS 1-901 Fee](#)

#### **Information and Forms for Parents / Guardians**

Diocese of Arlington [International Student Packet](#)

Diocese of Arlington [Student Transfer Report](#)

Diocese of Arlington [I-20 Application](#)

### **Application Timeline:**

- Applications for international students will be accepted as long as we have space available, but not later than May 1 for admission for the next school year.
- If accepted and registered, students must arrive in the country and be available to meet with school officials at least three weeks prior to the start of school. This will allow time for scheduling, book and uniform purchase, participation in the New Family Picnic and more.
- Participation in our Transitioning to High School Seminar is strongly encouraged. Options for this tend to be scheduled during the first two – three weeks in August, but check with the Director of Admissions for specific dates.

**Questions? Please contact the Director of Admissions:** [admissions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org)