

ADMISSIONS GUIDE  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



A world-renowned education.  
Find it at Alverno.

[alverno.edu](http://alverno.edu)



# Why Alverno?

## WORLD-CLASS REPUTATION

For decades, Alverno has been recognized as a worldwide leader and innovator in higher education. Educators from 45 states and 33 countries have visited Alverno in the last ten years to study our innovative outcomes-based curriculum. Additionally, students from nearly every corner of the world have come to study here. We currently enroll students from Canada and Chile to as far away as Tanzania and Saudi Arabia.

## POSITIONING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

Teaching and learning are our primary focus. A 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio means that all students get the personalized attention and ongoing assessment they need to succeed. Wherever you choose to go after you graduate, you'll be in the perfect position to excel. In fact, **94% of Alverno graduates find jobs** within six months of graduation.

## CAMPUS LIFE

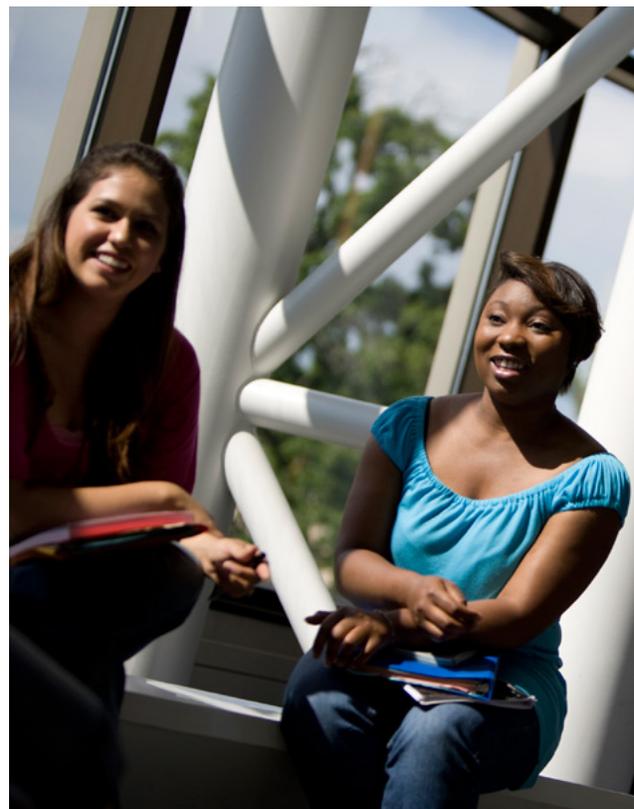
Located in a residential neighborhood, Alverno offers two residence halls and a vibrant campus community with many opportunities for academic, leadership and social activities. There's always something happening on or near campus. Our central location in Milwaukee allows for access to all the city has to offer, and for an even bigger city experience – Chicago is just 90 minutes away.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

International study at Alverno includes a wide variety of support services to help you make the best of your time here – including conversation partners, ESL assistance, opportunities for host family arrangements, Career Education Center, student organizations, service opportunities, campus sponsored events and the financial resources to make it affordable.

## WHERE ALL BELONG

Our goal is to develop each woman's potential to be of service to her world. Alverno offers an inclusive and rich community composed of students from diverse backgrounds, ages, experiences, ethnicities and faiths – all learning, side-by-side, with and from each other.





## Financial Considerations

### COSTS

- Tuition and fees
- Visa/SEVIS fees
- Test/entrance exam fees (such as TOEFL)
- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- Travel to the United States
- Travel within the United States
- Health and medical insurance
- Personal expenses including food, telephone charges, entertainment, and leisure

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### TIPS

- Create a budget plan and track your expenses.
- Search for scholarships early, as some of them have set deadlines.
- How to save money on flights:
  - Book months in advance.
  - Book round trip tickets.
  - Fly into O'Hare International Airport (Chicago) and take the Coach USA bus to Milwaukee.
  - Visit [ebookers.com](http://ebookers.com) for good prices on international flights.

# Financing Your Education

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available to undergraduate students, and is based on your overall high school grade point average (or your undergraduate grade point average if you are a transfer student).

For more information, please visit:  
[alverno.edu/scholarship](http://alverno.edu/scholarship)

## ALUMNAE REFERRAL SCHOLARSHIP

If you know someone who graduated from Alverno College, you can be nominated for this award and receive up to \$500 per year over the course of four years. The referral must be on file by June 15 for the upcoming fall semester; December 15 for the upcoming spring semester. We encourage international students to ask family and friends (especially if they have family in the U.S.) if they know any Alverno College alumnae.

Access the Alumnae Referral Scholarship form here:  
[alverno.edu/alumnaereferral](http://alverno.edu/alumnaereferral)



## WORKING ON CAMPUS

International students with an F-1 visa are eligible to work on campus. Opportunities include working in the library, cafeteria, technology services, tutoring, assisting in any of the administrative offices and many more. It is a great way to earn extra money, make valuable connections with the Alverno community, and build your professional skills and resume.

## FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Reach out to workplaces of family members – sometimes they have funds that are geared towards supporting students for educational purposes. You may also consider fundraisers like a bake sale or concert. Invite family and friends, and tell them you're raising money for your future education!

## FOUNDATIONS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Some countries have established foundations that offer financial resources to students. They may support studying abroad, first generation students and students who plan to earn a degree that supports their mission. Visit your country's government homepage to learn more. If your home country has an [EducationUSA](http://EducationUSA) center, this can also be an excellent resource.



# Online Resources

## SCHOLARSHIPS:

- [eduPASS](#)
- [International Scholarships](#)
- [American Association of University Women](#)
- [Fast Web](#)
- [National Science Foundation](#)
- [Petersons](#)
- [Rotary International](#)
- [International Financial Aid College Scholarship Search](#)
- [Organization of American States](#)
- [NAFSA: Association of International Educators](#)
- [College Scholarships](#)
- [College Tool Kit](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)

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## LOANS:

- [Global Student Loans Corporation](#)
- [International Student Loan](#)

## We're here to help you.

Studying internationally can be complicated, but our dedicated staff members are happy to help you through the process. Contact the International and Intercultural Office with any questions and to obtain all necessary forms.

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## How to Apply

- 1 Visit [alverno.edu/apply](http://alverno.edu/apply) and complete the appropriate application (undergraduate or graduate).
- 2 Submit the personal essay and/or goal statement and portfolio, as well as letters of reference. Read the application guide carefully for details on which of these requirements are required for the application you will submit.
- 3 Arrange to have official certified transcripts sent as follows:
  - For undergraduate admission: Secondary/high school transcripts showing your date of graduation (please note that all transcripts must be translated into English by an official translator).
  - For graduate admission: University transcripts verifying completion of a baccalaureate degree
  - For transfer credit: University transcripts
- 4 Arrange to have your foreign transcripts evaluated by a foreign credential evaluator such as Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) or Education Evaluators International, Inc. We will accept evaluations from organizations on the [NACES](#) member list.
- 5 Submit proof of English proficiency. We accept TOEFL, IELTS and STEP Eiken. Additionally, we are affiliated with several ESL programs like ELS, GLI, MESLS, TLC and WESLI. Contact us for more details.

## Visa Requirements

### To obtain the I-20 form once admitted:

1. Read International Financial Statement Instructions.
2. Submit the International Statement of Financial Support form.
3. Submit certified proof of sufficient financial resources.
4. Submit a photocopy of the biographical page of your current passport.

### To enter the U.S. as an international student:

1. After you are accepted, Alverno College will provide you with further instructions for obtaining the visa.
2. Obtain an F-1, non-immigrant student visa.

## Transfer Credit

### To transfer from another U.S. college or university:

1. Submit the International Notice of Intent to Transfer In form. Contact Alverno's International & Intercultural Center for this.
2. Arrange to have your foreign transcripts evaluated by a foreign credential evaluator such as Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) or Education Evaluators International, Inc.
3. Arrange to have official certified transcripts sent directly to Alverno College.



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## Diandra's Story

When I first came to Alverno, I thought I would be the only person that's different, but this is a melting pot of women that come from so many different backgrounds. Whether international or domestic, **everyone brings a unique, colorful vibe to campus.** I felt like I fit in right away because of how diverse it is here.

The approach to learning at Alverno is amazing. The abilities-based curriculum makes you aware of what you're getting out of your education, and I love the detailed feedback we get on our work. **At Alverno, I am my own competition.**

With small classes and a supportive campus environment, our voices can be heard. We don't only learn from domestic students, but they learn from us too. Don't just observe – **you can get involved and make a big impact here.**

My advice to international students? Be open minded. Ask a lot of questions. Find the courage to lead. Oh, and bring an empty journal!

**Diandra '14, Music Therapy  
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## Contact Us

We welcome your questions about studying at Alverno as an international student.

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