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REQUEST FOR ELIGIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT-J-1 VISA 2020-2021

Exception 1 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. Please be advised that students in South America may have graduated at the end of their 11th grade year. The OHSAA will only grant eligibility, under exception 1, 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 Member 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 need to review students "home" high school transcript. YES NO
(Circle)

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| 10. In regard to eligibility for the first 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
(Circle) | NO | NA |
| 11. Have you verified that the student possesses a J-1 Visa? | YES
(Circle) | NO | |
| 12. Have you requested eligibility for more than five students from the <u>same program</u> during the 2020-2021 school year under this exception? | 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)
_____ E-mail Address	

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.)

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| 1. Are you considered a high school graduate in your home country? | YES
(Circle) | NO |
| 2. Have you completed what would be considered eight semesters of American high school as of the date of this request? | YES
(Circle) | NO |
| 3. Have you previously participated in an academic year or semester secondary student exchange program in the United States at another high school? | YES
(Circle) | NO |
| 4. Have you received money or remuneration for competing in the sport for which you are requesting eligibility? | YES
(Circle) | NO |

_____ Student Signature	_____ Name (please print)
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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	