

Total Teaching Solutions International

REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EMBASSY VISA INTERVIEW

4 Basic Principles

1. Don't ask any questions.
2. Answer each question truthfully and simply.
3. Do not provide more information than what you are asked to provide.
4. Bring all necessary and possible documents (see below).

Documents to Bring to the Interview

- DS-2019 form that you have signed and dated
- letter from the visa sponsor accepting you to the J-1 program
- your passport
- two passport photos
- your teaching certification or university degree from the home country
- printed out online receipt for paying the DS-160 visa entrance fee
- printed out I-901 receipt showing payment of the SEVIS fee

Other Documents to Bring

Do not offer these documents unless requested by the interviewer:

- your signed teaching offer letter
- teaching certification in the Philippines
- teaching degree or degree in specific subject matter

Possible Questions

- Why do you want to travel to the U.S.?
- What will your salary be in the U.S.?
- How long will you stay in the U.S.?
- When will you return to the Philippines?
- Where will you stay in the U.S.?
 - Use the same address that you put on your visa application.
- How much will this trip cost / what will be your travel expense?
- Who is your visa sponsor?
- Do you have any relatives living in the U.S.?
 - If yes: what is their legal status, job, address, and time in the U.S.?
- Have you ever been to the U.S.?
 - If yes: why, when, and how long where you there?
- Who will accompany you?
 - If any family members will accompany you, they should be at the interview.
- When do you plan to travel?
 - During what month, you can give an estimated date
- Have you purchased insurance yet?
 - Note: You don't need insurance before the interview. You can indicate that you will get it as soon as you receive your visa stamp.