

## **STUDY VISA FOR MINORS**

### **(For students between 14 and 18 years old )**

This type of visa can **ONLY** be issued to students between the age of 14 and 18 who participate in Exchange-Student Programs officially approved by the Italian Authorities (*Ministero degli Affari Esteri – Direzione Generale per la Promozione e Cooperazione Culturale*).

- **Duly filled Visa Application Form** submitted and signed in person by both parents in front of a Consular Officer. Please notice that all the names appearing on the passport must appear on the application form (all data must match those on the passport);
- **Recent passport-size photograph (2"x2")**, on white background, full face and front view, stapled/glued to the application form. Scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted;
  - **Valid passport plus 1 copy of the page with photograph and expiration date.** The passport or travel document must be valid at least three months after the visa expiration date. Please make sure the passport has at least a blank page to affix the visa;
  - **If not US citizen: original and copy of Alien Resident Card** OR other US immigration document allowing re-entry into the United States (e.g., valid long-term US visa, Advanced Parole, etc.). International students must submit original and copy of F-1 Visa and endorsed I-20
  - **Original and copy of Driver's License or State ID of parents** : as proof of residence in the jurisdiction of this Consulate General. The minor should submit original and copy of Student ID. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof current address (e.g., utility bills, bank statements, etc.);

**For minors applicants (under 18 years)** the following certification is needed:

- **Authorization to travel for Minors** (under "forms") signed by both parents or legal guardians. *Parents or legal guardians must personally provide consent before a Consular agent;*
- Birth certificate in original and copy, or only a notarized copy. All foreign documents MUST be translated into English and the translations legalized by the Consulate of the country that issued the document;  
Notarized copies of photo-ID of both parents or legal guardians, in the event that the mother's last name differs from what appears on the applicant's birth certificate, please provide copy of parents' marriage certificate.

**For minor applicants ( under the age of 15):**

- In addition to the documentation above, **the applicant must travel with at least one parent or legal guardian.**
- **Official documentation provided by the Exchange-Student Program**, including : letter of enrollment in the Italian school for the exchange period, letter of acceptance and declaration of responsibility from the Italian hosting family, proof of financial support, proof of worldwide health insurance; transcript/letter from most recent USA academic institution frequented.
- **Confirmed flight reservation** for a round trip,
- **Return envelope:**  
required if applicant cannot pick up passport with the visa in person. Please provide **postage paid, self addressed envelope** with tracking number plus mailing disclaimer form. Take care to fill out mail label completely with all required information.

**N.B. This consular administration has full authority to evaluate and request additional documentation, if deemed, in addition to what is submitted. Furthermore, the applicant is hereby informed that submitting all required documentation does not guarantee the issuance of any visa.**