International Freshman Applicant:

An “international freshman” applicant:
- is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States (or applicant for permanent residency)
- has not graduated from a Texas high school after three years of residence in Texas. (If this applies to you, please apply as a U.S. freshman applicant based on Senate Bill 1528.)
- has never enrolled at Texas A&M-Kingsville as an undergraduate degree-seeking student
- is a degree-seeking applicant without college credit or whose only college credit was received prior to high school graduation

| Application Dates/Deadline for Fall 2016 | Opening Aug. 1, 2015 | Closing June 1, 2016 |

**Documents Needed/Required Credentials**

*All materials must be received (not postmarked) by the application deadline.*

**Checklist:**
1. Application
2. Application fee
3. Official test scores
4. Official high school transcripts

1. State of Texas ApplyTexas Application – Completed.
   - Please select the Freshman International Application option on www.applytexas.org.
   - When completing the application, enter your name as it appears on your passport.

2. Nonrefundable $50 application fee –
   - Credit card payments via ApplyTexas are preferred.
   - Checks or money orders (U.S. dollars) should be made payable to TAMUK. Checks or money orders are accepted provided they display an agency bank in the United States and have magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) routing numbers at the bottom.
   - International applicants are not eligible for fee waivers.

3. Official test scores
   - Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit proof of English ability, which is satisfied by one of the following:
     - A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 61 (Internet-based) or 500 (Paper-based) is the university minimum requirement. A higher score of 79/550 is required for all applicants to programs in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering.
     - Test scores should be from a test date within two years.
     - Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to be considered official.
     - We will use your highest test score from one test date.
     - The Texas A&M University-Kingsville SAT and TOEFL code is 6822, and the ACT code is 4214.
     - Tests should be taken at least eight weeks prior to the appropriate application deadline to ensure timely receipt and processing of results.
     - There is no institutional code for the IELTS examination. Copies of test scores are not considered official, but they may help the University locate your official test scores and are required application deadline to ensure timely receipt and processing of results.
- Tests should be taken at least eight weeks prior to the appropriate application deadline to ensure timely receipt and processing of results.

**Ways to be Admitted/Additional Information**

**Admission Review**

- Complete application files are reviewed and decisions are made by the Admission Office.

**Admission Criteria/Conditions**

Undergraduate applicants who have no previous work at the postsecondary level must:
- Meet the criteria for admission to a postsecondary school in the applicant’s home country and;
- Have at least a 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) from a secondary school or;
- Applicants may also gain regular admission if they satisfy the College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment (18 English, 22 Reading, 22 Mathematics and 23 Science), or earn a score of at least a 1,550 on the SAT assessment, which does include the writing component.

**TOEFL Alternatives**

Students who have completed their entire formal education at the secondary or postsecondary level in the following countries are exempt from the TOEFL requirement:
- American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Federated States of Micronesia, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, United Kingdom (all), Trinidad-Tobago, and Virgin Islands.

The following are considered equivalencies to the TOEFL scores of 61 (iBT)/500 (PBT):
- SAT* verbal 500; ACT* verbal 21 English; TAKS 2200 English/3 writing; TAAS 1770; IELTS 6.0 or above overall band score.
- TAMUK ELTC completion of program letter with a minimum average of 85% and levels from intermediate to advanced.
- Completion of the advanced-level Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) offered by the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC).

The following are considered equivalencies to the TOEFL scores

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therefore useful when the application is processed. Applicants should request their official IELTS scores be sent to:

Office of Admission
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
MSC 128
700 UNIVERSITY BLVD.
KINGSVILLE, TEXAS 78363-8202

4. Official transcripts – Submit all official senior secondary or high school transcripts and diploma according to the educational system of your country (generally the last three to four years of senior secondary education). (Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted).

If you attended a U.S. high school, credit transferred from foreign high schools and listed on the U.S. transcript will be accepted.

Final official transcripts and proof of graduation must be submitted via TREx, postal mail, or in-person.

Where do I send my application materials?

The address to send documents through the US Postal Mail is:

Office of Admission
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
MSC 128
700 University Blvd.
Kingsville, Texas 78363-8202

Our physical address for mail and packages delivered by courier services such as UPS, FedEx and DHL (or delivered in person) is:

Office of Admission
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Rm. 136 Memorial Student Union Bldg
1050 W. Santa Gertrudis Avenue
Kingsville, TX 78363
USA

To contact our office directly, call (361) 593-2315 or email us at admissions@tamuk.edu.

of 79 (iBT)/550 (PBT):
• IELTS 6.5 or above overall band score.
• TAMUK ELTC completion of program letter with a minimum average of 90% and levels from Low Advanced, Advanced Plus or High Advanced.

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine

ALL new students under age 22 are required to show evidence of a bacterial meningitis vaccination within five (5) years from the start of the semester for which they intend to enroll. More information will be available at time of admission.

General transcript information

How do you handle incomplete transcripts?
If you are enrolled in your final year of senior secondary education when you submit your application, you are required to submit official transcripts for the completed years by the application closing date. The final transcript and high school diploma should be submitted upon completion of studies.

Which transcripts do you require?
If you attend more than one senior secondary school, we require an official transcript from each school, including U.S. accredited high schools.

What makes transcripts official?
Transcripts are considered official if they have an original signature of a school official or an original school seal. Accepted signatures include the Registrar, Principal, Headmaster, or Director of student records. In addition, we will accept documents that have been stamped official by the embassy/consulate. Final transcripts from U.S. institutions must be sent directly from the institution. Photocopies or other duplications of a transcript, such as notarized, faxed or scanned copies are not considered official.

What about transcripts not in English?
Applicants from an institution that does not issue a transcript in English must submit the official native language transcript with an official English translation. Official translations are prepared by a recognized translator and include all original seals and/or signatures; photocopies are not accepted.

Do you accept education evaluations?
Evaluations of transcripts are considered unofficial.

What should I do with incomplete exam results from Grade 13 and Form 6?
Applicants whose educational system includes Grade 13 and Form 6 should submit all results completed at time of application, as well as a listing of currently enrolled courses.

What should I do if my A-level results are not in yet?
Applicants whose educational system includes O-levels and A-levels will be required to send the completed O-level results and projected A-level results. Final A-level results should be submitted upon completion.