Steps to Go From an ELI Student to Undergrad or Graduate Student

International Admission Information On-line

It is suggested that you discuss your plans for study with an Academic Advisor at SHSU. Staff in the Office of International Programs will be glad to speak to you on the phone, e-mail or Skype in order to answer your admission questions.

- **Application Form:** Please fill out the English Language Institute application form and return to ELI coordinator via mail, fax or email. Submit the $75 application fee through the SHSU Touchnet Site.

- **Transcripts:** Copies of transcripts from your most recently attended school, in English, need to be submitted to the ELI along with your application. If you want “Conditional Admissions”, you must have a Third Party Transcript Evaluation done of your transcripts.

- **Bank Statement:** As a financial guarantee, please include a statement from a bank for one year’s school and living expenses. The statement must show at least $18,000 USD in the account. The statement must be original, dated, signed, and written in English. If you plan to come to the U.S. with any dependents, please include $2,000 USD more for each dependent who will come with you.

  If your tuition is to be paid by someone else, then, instead of your bank statement, we will need an original, current, dated sponsor's bank statement (showing amounts as indicated above) along with the document titled Sponsor's Declaration of Support. The sponsor must sign the Declaration of Support. If you are being sponsored, request the Sponsor’s Declaration of Support document and it will be sent via email.

- **Copy of valid passport:** The passport expiration date must be at least one year after your expected program start date. If the passport picture and information are not legible, your application may be denied. Please send a good copy with the other documents.

- **TOEFL or IELTS test results:** Students can provide either a TOEFL or IELTS score indicating that they have the basic level of English that is required to be able to enroll in the ELI. Students
who cannot provide a TOEFL or IELTS score are able to complete a brief SKYPE interview with ELI Staff. Contact Courtney Miller to set up a time to interview. courtneymiller@shsu.edu

**TIME TO APPLY AND RECEIVE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:**
Once applications are received and acceptance is granted, we will send instructions on how to obtain the acceptance letter and I-20. An e-mail is sent with scanned copies so that students can pay the I-901 fee and make visa appointments. They will need the original documents when attending the appointments. Once acceptance is granted, we can process letters and the I-20 promptly for students, allowing them more time for visa appointments and travel arrangements.

**Reserve Housing** - this must be done early as housing at SHSU is in demand. Students may choose to apply for On Campus Housing or check availability at area Apartments.

**Airport Pick-up** - is provided for first time students. Information about how to schedule a pick-up will be provided to you with your orientation documents.

### Applying for a SHSU Undergraduate Program After ELI

- You must pass at least two sessions of ELI classes through Level 5. Once you do this, you can apply for admission to an Undergraduate Program without taking the TOEFL. You must take and pass a college Placement Test called the Texas Success Initiative Test (TSI) that tests you in Reading, Writing, and Math. This test takes the place of the ACT or SAT. Your ELI courses prepare you for the Reading and Writing portions of this test.

### Applying for a SHSU Graduate Program After ELI

- There are no Conditional Admissions to Graduate Programs. However, the Office of International Programs will be glad to issue you a “Letter of Intent” that states that you plan to apply to a graduate program after completing the ELI. This is not put on your I-20. ELI students must apply and meet all the admission requirements set forth by the program they wish to pursue. A list of graduate programs and links to admission requirements can be found on the SHSU Graduate Admissions Website.

- A list of the different graduate degree programs and their specific admission’s requirements can be found on the Master Degrees Offered SHSU site.

**TIPS:** Many students are interested in our MBA Program. The MBA Program is not offered on our main campus in Huntsville, TX. It is offered on our Woodlands campus located in The Woodlands, TX which is 45 miles south of Huntsville. This should be taken into consideration when signing a lease for an apartment in Huntsville while completing your ELI courses. Each ELI session is 8 weeks long, with 5 sessions offered a year. There are two sessions in the spring and fall and one is in the summer. So, if you are starting at Level 4, it will take you two sessions (Level 4 & 5) or 4 months to complete the ELI Program.