4. How should I prepare for my trip to the United States?

Before you leave for the United States, it is a good idea to familiarize yourself with the different kinds of documents you might need. It is always a good idea to carry your original documents at all times. Do not put them in your checked baggage.

It is also a good idea to make at least two sets of copies of these documents: one copy to leave with your family or friends before you depart and one copy to give to your school officials. Here is a list of the important immigration documents:
5. What should I do when I arrive?

6. When do I have to report to my school?

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Welcome to Huntsville, Texas USA
A Texas Main Street City Since 2001

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Visitor Info

- The Sam Houston Statue/Huntsville Visitor Center
  - Exit #109 I-45 North
  - Exit #112 I-45 South
  - Visitor Information and Gift Shop
  - 936.291.9726

- The Wynne Home Arts & Visitor Center
  - 1428 Eleventh Street
  - 936.291.5424

Bed & Breakfast

- Oakview Manor
  - 55
- Smithie B&B
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Within a nine block radius in the heart of our beautiful city lies the Historic Square, here you will find an abundance of retail and antique shops with great gift ideas for friends and family, or for your own pleasure.

So shop until your heart's content while you're enjoying our historical East Texas downtown. Don't forget to view the architectural details using trompe l'oeil ("trick the eye") paintings by the renowned artist Richard Hass.

When your shopping is complete, enjoy an appetizing meal at one of the eating establishments.
Evidence of Vaccination against Bacterial Meningitis

**Purpose of Form:** This form will be used by an entering or returning student to Sam Houston State University in order to satisfy the requirement to submit evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis, in compliance with SB 1107, 82nd R. At least ten days prior to living on campus or attending classes, whichever is sooner, the completed form shall be received by email (shc@shsu.edu), fax (936-294-2304) or mail (Vaccination Processing, Student Health Center, Box 2358, Huntsville, TX 77341-2358).

**STUDENT SECTION to be completed by the student. Please print legibly.**

Please check your entering semester at SHSU:
- Summer
- Fall
- Spring

Student Last Name: ___________________________ Student First Name: ___________________________

Sam ID#: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ___________/_______/_______

Telephone #: ___________________________ SHSU Username: ___________________________

By signing this form, I certify that the information provided is true and accurate and I understand the rules and regulations concerning the bacterial meningitis vaccination requirement.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________/_______/_______

**HEALTH PRACTITIONER SECTION to be completed by a licensed Health Practitioner or Designee.**

I certify that ___________________________ received the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination, which was administered by me or my office on ___________/_______/_______.

By signing this form, I certify that the information provided is true and accurate. Specifically, I certify the following:
- I am a Health Practitioner authorized by law to administer an immunization or I have legal designation to complete and sign this form on behalf of a Health Practitioner authorized by law to administer an immunization.
- The individual who administered the bacterial meningitis vaccination to the student named above is or was a Health Practitioner authorized by law to administer an immunization.
- The bacterial meningitis vaccination was administered to the student named above by the Health Practitioner named above and on the date provided above.

Health Practitioner or Designee Signature: ___________________________ Date ___________/_______/_______

Name and Address of Facility or Clinic: ___________________________
Meningitis Vaccination Requirement

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Requirement

- SB 1107 - 82nd Texas Senate Bill 1107
- Information about Bacterial Meningitis

During the 2011 regular Texas legislative session, Texas Senate Bill 1107 (SB 1107) was passed and signed into law by Texas State Governor Rick Perry. Effective January 1, 2012, SB 1107 requires all students entering an institution of higher education (public and private) to either receive a vaccination against bacterial meningitis or meet certain criteria for declining such a vaccination **10 days before the first day of classes or 10 days prior to moving into the residence halls.**

Therefore, if you are under the age of 22 (effective 1/1/2014) and are:
1) a returning student, who did NOT attend classes at SHSU the preceding semester
2) an entering freshman
3) a transfer student
OR 4) an entering graduate or post-baccalaureate student

You must submit *Evidence of Vaccination against Bacterial Meningitis.*

If you meet the criteria listed above, please submit one of the following forms:

1. Evidence of Vaccination

Evidence of Vaccination must verify that the vaccination was received **at least 10 days prior to living on campus or attending classes, whichever is sooner.** Evidence of Vaccination must be submitted in the following format:

- A complete *Evidence of Vaccination against Bacterial Meningitis Form.*

**Important Considerations**

1. Students are **strongly encouraged** to obtain the bacterial meningitis vaccination prior to moving to the Huntsville area or entering the United States.
2. The bacterial meningitis vaccination must be administered by a Health Practitioner authorized by law to administer an immunization.
3. Vaccinations older than 5 years will require a booster.
Businesses Offering the Vaccine

The SHSU Student Health Center strongly encourages students to obtain the vaccine at their primary care physician's office. If you have insurance, most vaccines will require only a co-pay.

**SHSU Student Health Center**
1608 Avenue J
Huntsville, TX 77341
936-294-1805 - Call first for availability
$110.00 - Do not accept insurance
The cost of the vaccine will be placed onto the student's account within 24 hours and the student will have 14 days to pay.

**Walgreens**
1570 11th St
Huntsville, TX 77340
936-291-6764
No appointment necessary
Call to check on a price - Accepts some insurance

**Kroger**
111 Interstate 45 S
Huntsville, TX 77340
936-291-9598
No appointment necessary but suggested to come in before 4 p.m.