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Immigration Update –

This may be of interest to students who have family that would like to visit them from countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program.

What is the Visa Waiver Program?

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP) enables nationals of VWP countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa.

Nationals of a visa waiver country who wish to travel to the United States without a visa under the visa waiver program must have an e-passport or a machine readable passport if issued before 2006 and must first get pre-authorization through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA).

For more information, go to the official CBP website at: www.cbp.gov/esta.
For specific questions on passport requirements, please check with the passport-issuing agency of your country.

Which countries participate in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)?

Currently, 35 countries participate in the Visa Waiver Program, as shown below:
(Countries recently added to the VWP were: Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Republic of Korea, Malta and the Slovak Republic.)

Andorra	Iceland	New Zealand
Australia	Ireland	Norway
Austria	Italy	Portugal
Belgium	Japan	San Marino
Brunei	South Korea (Republic of Korea)	Singapore
Czech Republic	Latvia	Slovak Republic
Denmark	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Estonia	Lithuania	Spain
Finland	Luxembourg	Sweden
France	Malta	Switzerland
Germany	Monaco	United Kingdom
Hungary	Netherlands	