



Inviting Family or Friends to the U.S.

While studying at SNHU, you may want to invite a family member to come visit you or attend your graduation ceremony. Generally, they will need to apply for a B-2 tourist visa or enter under the Visa Waiver Program; further guidance about this process may be found on the [U.S. Embassy website](#) from where they will apply.

1. You may wish to write them a letter of invitation which the guest(s) can take to their visa appointment, although it is not required by the Department of State.
2. Consider providing a copy of either of the following documents from SNHU: a copy of your Form I-20/DS-2019 or an [enrollment verification letter](#).

Please remember: the Commencement and International Student Services offices do not issue letters of invitation- these must come from you!

Please write your own personalized letter to your guest(s). Below is ONLY a sample and you must write your own unique letter and not copy this sample.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I've worked so hard in my education and it's finally here- my graduation! I've looked forward to this day for so long and really hope that both of you can come to the US to see me cross the stage and get my diploma.

I am so thankful for all of the support that you have given to me for so many years and want you to see the results of your hard work too. I'd like you to arrive one week before the ceremony. You can stay at a local hotel and I can help you to make the arrangements.

In addition to the graduation ceremony, let's also plan to go visit Boston, which is only an hour away. I hope that you can both stay for 10 days to give us enough time for you to see my school, Manchester and some other great sights nearby. You'd love the ocean, I know it.

Love,

(name)

Your daughter/son