

# International Students: Key Points

- International students discover Cottey through referrals, self-initiated inquiries and applications (finding Cottey on the internet)
- International applicants require additional steps to be admitted to Cottey
- Once accepted, students complete paperwork, submit a tuition deposit, register for classes and go through the I-20 and visa process

# International Students: Key Points continued

- International financial aid requires a CSS profile (like the FAFSA for international students), and a certification of finances
- International students may be eligible for merit, athletic, fine arts, and P.E.O. scholarships, as well as need-based grants and campus employment
- Canadian students pay tuition with Canadian dollars
  - The difference is covered through the Cottey Canadian grant
- Cottey offers support pre-arrival and on-campus support to students

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## International Students

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# International Students

Admission | Financial Aid | Student Support

# Admission

## How Do Our Students Discover Cottey?

- P.E.O./Alumnae Referrals
- Inquiry Generation – Athletics
- Stealth Applicants



# Admission

## What is the admission process?

- Application
- Application Fee
- Transcript Evaluation
- English Proficiency Exam Results
  - TOEFL, IELTS, SAT, Duolingo
- CSS Profile
- Certification of Finances
- Tuberculosis Chest X-ray

Details and links available at [cottey.edu/apply](https://cottey.edu/apply)



# Admission

## After Acceptance, What's Next?

- Financial Aid Awards
- Tuition Deposit (confirming intent to enroll)
- Housing, Health, Travel Forms
- Course Registration
- I-20 and Visa Process



# Financial Aid

- CSS Profile
- Certification of Finances



- Scholarships
  - Academic
  - Athletic
  - Fine Arts
  - P.E.O.
- Need-based grants
- Campus employment



# Financial Aid

Canadian students pay with Canadian dollars and we use institutional funds to cover the difference in the exchange rate.

\$33,580 Canadian Dollars = \$26,108 US Dollars as of 07/22/2022

# Support

## Pre-Arrival \*

- Cottey sends a document they must present to apply for a student visa
- Email correspondence re: US culture and academics
- Connect with future roommate, other international students
- Connect with academic advisor
- Assist in course registration process

\*Cannot enter US more than 30 days before start date

# Support

## Arrival: Orientation

- Shuttle from MCI airport
- Orientation session for international students
- Meet international faculty
- Clarify basic visa regulations
- Walmart shuttles
- Health insurance plans



# Support

## After Arrival

- Take them to Social Security Office
- Help them open bank accounts
- Help them understand cell phone plans / options
- Help them fill out employment documents, direct deposit
- Help them with medical – immunizations, TB tests, etc.
- Share information on driver's licenses



# Support

## SOAR – Students Off And Running

- Co-curricular program – extended orientation
- Meet twice a month in fall, once a month in spring

## Topics

- How to talk to a professor
- Time management
- Budgeting
- Career skills – applying for jobs
- Fun bonding activities



# Support

## Employment

- Offered job on campus (10 hours per week)
- Not allowed to work off campus without special authorization
  - Internships
  - Extreme financial hardship
  - Practical training

*Thadingyut Festival, 2021*



# Support

## Breaks

- Residence halls close over winter break
- May have no family/acquaintances in the US
- Some go home to their country, some travel in US
- Some go home with other Cottey students
- A few local host families willing to host



# Support

## Support-A-Student

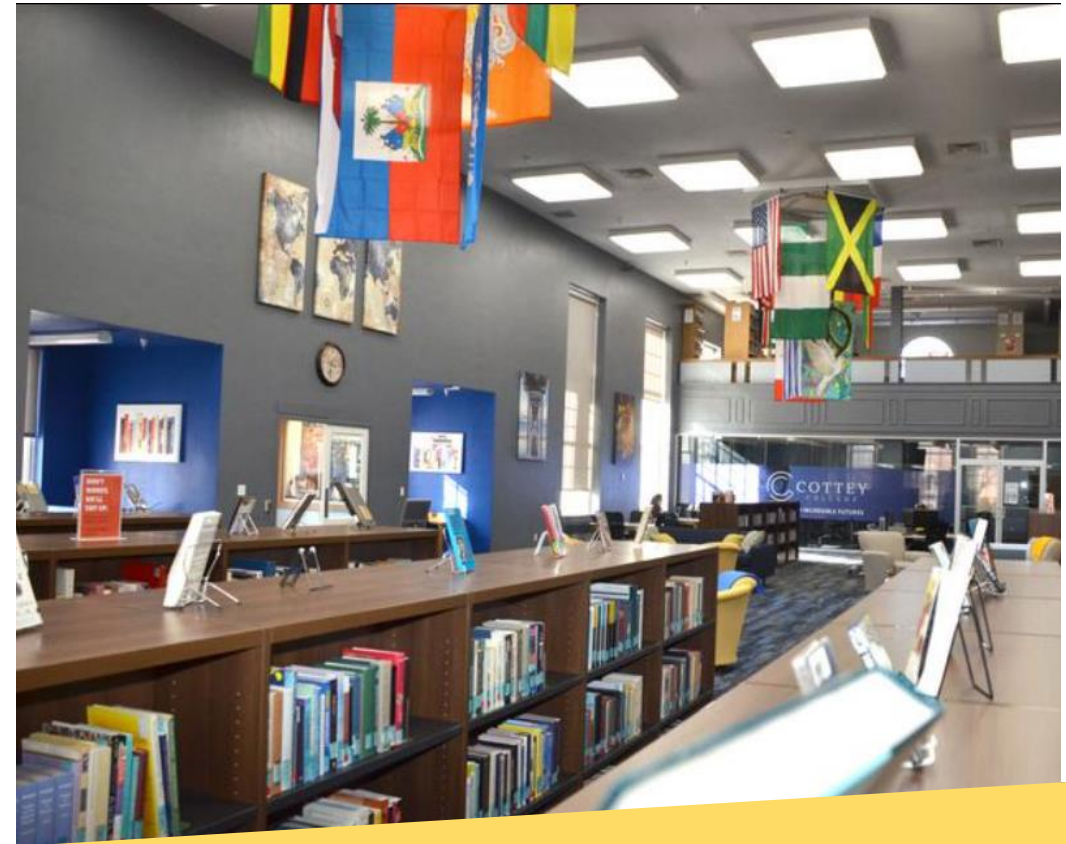
- Organized at the s/p/d level; Cottey keeps no records of assignments
- Office of Alumnae and P.E.O. Communication sends directory information to each s/p/d Cottey chair and adviser in the fall and spring
- Appreciate Walmart/Dollar General gift cards, etc.
- Appreciate advice and encouragement



# Support

## Resources Available

- Culture Buddies
- Walk-in Tutoring Center
- Diversity closet (warm clothes)
- Professional Clothing Closet for interviews
- Cottey takes them to Chicago to get visa for international trip



# Support

## Celebrating Our International Students

- Home Country Flags
  - Library
  - Outdoor Flag Circle
- International Friends Circle organization
- Taste of Home presentations
- Multi-Cultural Festival
- Truman Good Neighbor Award Luncheon
- Dining Hall includes international dishes on menu

# Seminar

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