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School of the Museum of Fine Arts

230 The Fenway, Boston, Massachusetts 02115

A Department of the Museum of Fine Arts / Affiliated with Tufts University Admissions Office

Telephone (617) 267-1218

Dear Art Student,

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts has always had an interest in a diverse student population. Diversity that is represented by age, background, art training and nationality. The Admissions Committee is very much interested in people who will bring varied experiences and backgrounds to the School community. We welcome your application to the School and look forward to reviewing your art work. I strongly recommend that you review pages 40 and 41 of the enclosed catalog especially under the section: FOREIGN STUDENT APPLICANT.

The School is located in the city of Boston, easily accessible by the public transportation system. We are also adjacent to the Museum of Fine Arts, of which we are a department. The Museum is a major resource for our students and is one of the leading institutions of its kind in this country and abroad.

As the capital city of the state of Massachusetts, Boston is a cosmopolitan metropolis, rich in history and diverse in culture. As one of the oldest cities in the United States, a European influence may be seen and felt in many aspects of Boston life.

The seventy two major universities and colleges in the Greater Boston area make this coastal city a mecca for students.

Within just an hour or two from Boston, the student can experience the unique qualities of Cape Cod, the sea coast of Maine or perhaps the mountains of Vermont or New Hampshire. All are part of the New England experience. New York city and Washington D.C. are within a day's journey. Students participate in school organized trips to New York City enabling them to stay abreast of what is happening in galleries and museums in this major art capital.

I have enclosed our catalog and information relating to international applicants. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or write.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Alan H. Van Reed

Dean of Admissions

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants who are nationals of countries other than the United States are required to submit documentary evidence of financial resources sufficient to satisfy all educational and living expenses for the period of study at the Museum School. The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service requires that such proof be submitted before the School may issue the Form 1-20AB (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant "F-1" status).

Applicants whose native language is not English must submit the results of the TOEFL examination, the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

Applications from international students will not be processed until these scores have been received. Therefore it is important that these scores arrive at the Admissions Office not later than the time the admissions application arrives. The test is not required of non-native speakers of English who have spent a minimum of two years in a successful full-time post-secondary study where the medium of study was English. It is important that international applicants register for the earliest possible TOEFL testing date. The TOEFL is administered at testing centers worldwide. For the TOEFL bulletin of testing information and the TOEFL application procedure, write to: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) P.O. Box 899., Princeton, NJ 08541-0008 USA. Please note: On the day of the test, applicants should list our Educational Testing Service Number 3794 on their TOEFL answer sheet.

All applicants who have studied outside the United States must submit certified English translations of their academic records. Submitting untranslated school records will delay the admissions process unnecessarily.

Due to the difficulty in shipping portfolios to other countries, international applicants should send portfolios in the form of 35mm slides or photographs, which cannot be returned. Slide portfolios are held for one year so that enrolled students may pick them up upon their arrival. The deadline for the completion of application procedure by international students is July 1 for first semester entrance in September and November 1 for second semester entrance in January.

Be sure you have submitted all items listed above and have carefully read the admissions requirements so that your application will be processed without delay.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Dean of Admissions  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts  
230 The Fenway  
Boston, MA 02115  
U.S.A.  
Telephone (617) 267-1218.

#### VISA APPLICATION INFORMATION

For admission to the United States you must possess: 1) an unexpired visa and 2) a passport valid for 6 months beyond your intended stay in the United States.

Apply for a student visa (F-1) at the nearest United States Consulate. At the time of your visa application, you must present your Form I-20AB "Certificate of Eligibility" to the consular officer. The Form I-20AB will be issued by the Museum School and sent to you as soon as we receive the following from you:

1. Documentary Evidence of Means of Financial Support
2. Tuition Deposit (unless already paid)
3. The enclosed Foreign Student Information sheet

The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires the Museum School to obtain documentary evidence of your financial ability to support yourself during your stay at the School. We must have appropriate evidence of financial ability before we are able to issue the Form I-20AB. Either a bank statement or a letter written by someone claiming responsibility for your expenses while in the United States is considered appropriate. Letters of support may be written by home government scholarship agencies, by members of your immediate family, or by a lawyer representing your interests.

First year student expenses are estimated in U.S. dollars at nearly . \$20,000.00 for the academic year. The document submitted should confirm your ability to cover this amount and show that support will be continued for the duration of your stay. The expense estimate is itemized below.

Tuition US \$10225 00

General Fees US \$ 85.00

Mandatory Health Insurance US \$ 200.00

Mandatory Accident Insurance US \$ 40.00

Books and Supplies US \$ 925.00

Room and Board US \$ 6575.00

Personal Expenses US \$ 1360.00

Local Transportation US \$ 910.00

In view of international economics in general and current economic trends in the United States in particular, it is imperative that you come to the United States with adequate financial resources. The annual student expenses above are estimates: actual costs may fluctuate according to economic conditions, your personal requirements, and whether you enter at mid-year. You should be certain that your financial resources will meet usual expenses and additional or emergency expenses.

#### FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is not available to first year international students. After their first year, a limited amount of financial aid is available to international students. Awards are based on demonstrated need, the availability of funds and the number of students applying. International students should be aware that they are competing with American students for the same funds. Institutional scholarships may range from \$500 to \$4,000 per academic year.

Unfortunately, the School is not financially equipped to offer full scholarships to international students.

Boston is a relatively expensive American city and international students who wish to study here should have sufficient funds available before leaving their countries. Students should investigate sources of financial assistance in their own countries before they arrive in the United States. In many countries the government has established programs to encourage study in certain fields. Local organizations both publicly and privately owned often support the education of students in the United States, especially those organizations with United States affiliates. Examples are charitable foundations, business corporations, church and religious groups, and schools and universities.

Students who wish to apply for financial aid must complete the Foreign Student's Financial Aid Application and Declaration Form. These forms are available through the Financial Aid Office at the Museum School. Please contact: Director of Financial Aid, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, 230 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115 (617) 267-6100 ex 645.

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Temperature can range from 00F (-18oC) in the winter to 950F (350C) in the summer. Both lightweight and very warm clothing are necessary.

#### HOUSING

The School does not have dormitories or other student housing. However, the Student/Career Services Office maintains some Housing information and will offer suggestions on living accommodations.

SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS  
IMMUNIZATION

A new law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all college students under 30 years old to be immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus and diphtheria, for entering first year students (freshman). Therefore, all students under 30 years of age must show immunization against these communicable diseases upon entering the Museum School.

Students are strongly encouraged to submit this proof in advance of registration, to attention of the Registrar's Office.

Minimum Acceptable immunization histories should include the following:

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6 IMMUNIZATION HISTORY %

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iiPLEASE NOTE: MMR Vaccine should not be given to pregnant women.

Statements acceptable in lieu of immunization history are:

1. A medical certificate signed by a physician stating immunizations are contraindicated for health reasons.

2. A statement signed by the student indicating immunization conflicts with religious beliefs.

3. Laboratory evidence of immunity for measles, mumps, and rubella.

4. Physician diagnosis for measles or mumps.

Questions regarding immunization may be addressed to John Thompson, Dean of Students at (617) 267-6100 ext. 617, or the Immunization Program, City of Boston Department of Health and Hospitals, Boston, MA 02118 (617) 424-5609.