

International Visitors

The Specialty Coffee Association of America (the "SCAA") welcomes visitors from 50+ countries to the Exposition each year. Below are resources SCAA has compiled to help make your travel and show experience as convenient and successful as possible.

APPLY FOR YOUR VISA EARLY

Advance travel planning and early visa application are important as visa applications are subject to a great degree of scrutiny. Applying for a visa can be a lengthy process, so we recommend that you start early. Begin the application process **five to six months** before the Exposition. SCAA recommends that you secure your travel visa before registering for the Exposition.

INTERVIEWS

Not all visa applicants must have an interview. For people from some countries, such as Mexico, one must schedule an interview. In addition, some consulates may have backlogs in scheduling visa interviews so applicants should first contact the consulate to find out how long the wait is for an interview. Visa wait times are available at: <http://travel.his.com/visa/tempvisitorswait.php>

SCAA LETTER OF INVITATION

Individuals traveling to the United States to attend the SCAA Exposition may request a Letter of Invitation by downloading the request form at www.scaaexposition.org located under the international visitors tab. Contact Mansi Chokshi [at mchokshi@scaa.org](mailto:mchokshi@scaa.org) or at 562- 624-4197 with questions.

ONLINE RESOURCES: GETTING A VISA

Consult the following on-line site for more information on visas:

- Do you need a visa? Visit <http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa1750.html>
- How do you apply for a visa? <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/obtainingvisa/index.html>
- For information on travel without a visa: <http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without1261.html>
- New requirements for travelers between the United States and other Western hemisphere countries <http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc2223.html>
- Visa news <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/visanews/index.html>
- For questions about visas: <http://travel.state.gov/visa/questions/questions1253.html>
- Locate a Consular Office <http://usembassy.state.gov/>
- International travelers who are seeking to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program are now subject to enhanced security requirements. For more information, please visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>