



U.S. Consulate General Toronto

Dos and Don'ts for Visa Applicants

DO:	DON'T:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plan ahead! Appointments fill up one-to-three weeks in advance, and it takes up to 5 days to receive the passport with the visa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Bring children younger than 14, no matter what your friend, agent, or lawyer says.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check if you qualify for Interview Waiver Program. You can call 437-887-1448 (from the greater Toronto area) for general visa information and to schedule visa appointments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Bring backpacks, bags, luggage, or large purses; ✗ Bring food or beverages. ✗ Bring any electronic devices – no phones, sorry!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Come on time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Expect us to store items that are not permitted inside the Consulate. Unfortunately, we have no lockers or any other storage facility and cannot keep your items for you.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bring a 2"x2" passport photo taken within 6 months of your visa interview. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Appear for your interview if you are ill. You can always reschedule your appointment for a later date. Feel better!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check your passport or travel document: it must be valid for 6 months beyond your U.S. stay and in good condition (e.g. not missing pages or falling apart). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Make irreversible travel plans until you know the outcome of your visa interview.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bring your CV if you are studying or working in a STEM field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Forget to dress appropriately for the weather!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bring a translator if you cannot conduct the interview in English. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Let your translator bring any of their family members. See our website for more info about translators.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review your application carefully before your interview; make sure you can answer questions about every field and you didn't omit anything. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Expect to receive your passport with the visa the next day. It usually takes 5 days to return the documents back to you.