



Ross Mathematics Program/Asia

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Visa Application Process

Ross participants who are not citizens of China must have a visa to enter China and current valid passport from your home country. To apply for a visa, you may consult a Chinese Embassy/Consulate General directly, or you may contact a local visa agent to help you with the application. We recommend our partner agent Shawn in Chicago, at: CHINA VISA SOLUTIONS with email: info@chinavisaforyou.com .

To simplify the visa application process,

it is best NOT to mention that you will attend Ross/Asia in China.

Mentioning the Ross Math Program or stating that you will attend math classes, will lead to requests for more detailed documentation. If you are asked, you can say that you are visiting China to see various tourist sites.

The information below applies to citizens or permanent residents of the USA. Similar information is valid for Canadian citizens. If you live outside the USA and Canada, or if you are a citizen of some other country, please view this information as a model that will require some changes. Confirm things with your local visa agent.

Documents needed to apply for a visa:

1. Current U.S. Passport, valid for at least 6 months from your application date, and having 2 unused visa pages.
2. One passport photo of you taken within the past 6 months. This must be a standard passport photo, with frontal view and plain background. Such photos are usually taken with special “passport photo cameras” available at various stores.
3. Photocopies of IDs, as described below. (Separate back-and-white copies on paper.)
 - (a) Copy of the ID part of your passport (two pages with your photo and basic info).
 - (b) Copy of your driver’s license, or a similar government-issued photo ID.

If you are under 18 years old, an adult must complete and sign Part 5 of the Visa Application Form. A photocopy of that person’s driver’s license is also needed here.

4. A printed, completed, and signed *Visa Application Form*. Instructions for completing that form appear in the document “Instructions for Visa Application Form.”

5. If you are not a U.S. citizen but your permanent address is in the USA, include a notarized copy of your U.S green card; or your original I797, I20, or TN visa (that remains valid for at least 6 months).

6. We recommend that you apply for an **L visa** (tourist visa).

NOTE: **You need to purchase airline tickets before submitting the visa application.** This itinerary information requirement is not stated in the Visa Application Form itself, but it is mentioned in the “L visa” paragraph at the Embassy site <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/hrsq/>. Applicants must provide their flight itineraries: airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of flights, etc. Please check with a visa agent in your home country to find out what information is needed.

(An alternative is the F (Non-Business) visa. That application requires an invitation letter from China. To get an invitation letter, contact: info@rossmathasia.org. When considering this option please check that you can obtain a visa that is valid for at least five weeks.)

Processing Time and Fees

The visa application process can be done at a Chinese Embassy or Consulate. They require applications to be submitted in person (not by mail). That’s why it is more convenient to work with a visa agent, who will carry your application to the visa office.

The total fee should be about \$190 (\$140 to the Embassy and \$50 to the agent).

After submission, it usually takes about 6 business days to process a visa application. Taking shipping time into account, you should receive the visa within about two weeks of application. Since some applications require longer processing time, a delivery date cannot be confirmed until notification from the Visa Office.

Contact Information

If you have questions or need help with your visa application, please contact us.

Email: info@rossmathasia.org