**Traveling to the U.S.**

To assist new international students arriving at Shawnee State University, the Center for International Programs and Activities offers free airport pick up at the following airports:

- Huntington, WV (HTS)
- Columbus, OH (CMH)
- Cincinnati, OH (CVG)

HTS is the closest airport to SSU (approximately 1 hour away) while CMH and CVG are farther (approximately 2 hours away each); please be prepared to spend at least an hour in the car after your flight arrives.

Once you’ve made your flight reservations, please fill out the Arrival Form and email it to CIPA at least two weeks before your arrival. Please note that you need to submit this form even if you do not need to be picked up from the airport.

**Important Travel Information**

Please remember to check the packing guidelines for your airports. Find more Information at USA Transportation Security Administration’s website.

It is very important that you keep all travel documents on your person or easily accessible in your carry-on luggage. You will need to be able to quickly present the following at the U.S. Port of Entry

- your passport
- proof of financial support
- SEVIS fee receipt
- I-20/DS-2019
- I-94 and Customs Declarations Form (given out on your flight into the U.S.)

**The I-94 Arrival/Departure Card**

During your flight to the U.S., flight attendants will distribute Custom Declaration Forms (CF-6059) and I-94 forms (a little white card) which must be completed before the landing of your plane. The information on your I-94 must be consistent with your passport information. Please note that I-94 should reflect the address where you will reside in the U.S. and not the address of the school you are attending.
Once you reach the U.S. Port of Entry, your I-94 will be stapled to your passport. Keep this card stapled in your passport at all times since it is your permit to remain in the U.S. The I-94 indicates the date on which you arrived in the U.S. and the amount of time you can stay in the country. As a rule, F-1 and J-1 visa holders have the notation “D/S” (Duration of Status) on their I-94 card. This means that they can legally stay in the U.S. until the date indicated on the I-20/DS-2019 form which usually corresponds with the time period required for the completion of the degree or program. When you leave the U.S., the I-94 will be removed from your passport and a new one will be issued each time you reenter the U.S.

**What to Expect at the U.S. Port of Entry**

- [http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/)
- [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html#enter](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html#enter)