

English Fluency Verification for WVU J-1 Exchange Visitor

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Country of Citizenship	Anticipated Program start and end date	

**Per J-1 regulations [22 C.F.R. §62.10 (a)(2)], all exchange visitors are required to have the ability to speak and understand verbal English, as well as the ability to read, write and comprehend written English in order for them to successfully participate in the various academic, cultural, and social environments of the exchange visit. In addition, a consular official may deny the J-1 visa application if the exchange visitor's English language skills are deemed to be inadequate. Before submitting the formal J-1 request the sponsoring department needs to assess the exchange visitor's proficiency in the English language through a verbal interview.*

In the event an exchange visitor arrives with inadequate language skills, the sponsoring department will be responsible for ensuring the visitor acquires adequate English proficiency by attending English classes. The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) will provide the sponsoring departments with information listing the location and schedule of English classes provided by WVU and other alternatives.

English Fluency Assessment:

- 1) The J-1 invitation letter requires statement of the visitor's English language proficiency.
- 2) At what level of English fluency is the visitor?

- Fluent
- Moderately Fluent
- Limited Fluency (*does not meet required proficiency level above)

Provide a description on how the J-1 visitor's English fluency was assessed (e.g., In-person Interview, Videoconferencing/Skype, *Telephone Interview, etc.)
 *Telephone Interview **only** if other options are not possible.

By signing, I confirm that the individual's English language skills are sufficiently proficient enough to successfully participate in their program and to function on a day-to-day basis.

Sponsoring faculty/staff member: _____
 (Print name)

 (Signature)

 (Date)