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**Application for Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials
For Applicants to the University of Pittsburgh**

Information on Josef Silny and Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants (JS&A)

JS&A is an organization of highly qualified international education consultants. Mr. Silny is recognized nationally and internationally as an expert in the field of foreign credential evaluations and international admissions. He has been the Director of International Admissions at the University of Miami and the City University of New York. He has participated as panelist or workshop director at national professional conferences annually since 1974. He has held numerous committee chairmanships and memberships in national professional organizations and corporations. Mr. Silny has published a book and numerous articles in the field of international education. All international education consultants associated with Mr. Silny are highly qualified in the field of foreign credential evaluations. JS&A is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. (NACES)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES - Please be sure to read the complete information on our website at www.jsilny.org .

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE WILL NOT PROCESS YOUR REQUEST FOR ANY SERVICE UNLESS WE RECEIVE YOUR FILLED-OUT AND SIGNED APPLICATION AND CORRESPONDING FEES. JS&A WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOCUMENTS SENT TO US PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF THE FILLED-OUT AND SIGNED APPLICATION AND CORRESPONDING FEES.

In order to receive an evaluation, an applicant must provide the following:

1. A completed Application for Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials signed by the applicant.
2. A non-refundable evaluation fee in U.S. dollars. Make the bank check or money order payable to Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. (We cannot accept postal money orders or payments through Western Union). If you are paying by a credit card you must fill out the Credit Card Information form. All evaluation fees, including fees for rush report, 24 hour report, grade point average equivalent, extra copies, and translation are NON-REFUNDABLE.
3. EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS:
 - a) Official original Diplomas and Certificates in the original language.
 - b) Official original transcripts in the original language (names of courses, grades, and hours of instruction) for every year of study.

It is the responsibility of applicants to submit the academic credentials which need to be evaluated.
4. TRANSLATIONS: Documents in a language other than English must be accompanied by professional, certified English translations. Translations supplement, but do not replace the original documents. JS&A offers professional certified translations. JS&A is a Corporate Member of the American Translators Association. For further information on the JS&A Translation Service, call 305-273-1616 or e-mail or fax your request for translation estimate along with all pertinent documents.
E-mail: translation@jsilny.org Translation fax: 305-273-1984.
5. Please note: a Syllabus of university studies (description of each course or subject studied) may be required for Course-by-Course Evaluations, but you do not need to send this with your application. If it is needed, JS&A will request it.

Processing Information: Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. reserves the right to request that transcripts or examination results be sent directly by the issuing institutions or examination boards to JS&A. Academic credentials received directly from foreign institutions are considered confidential and cannot be given to applicants. The documents you submit with your application, with the exception of any originals, will become the property of Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. and they will not be returned. Applicants must submit self-addressed and stamped envelopes for the return of their original academic credentials, or pay for delivery by secure means. Applicants must submit pre-addressed labels or envelopes for mailing of evaluation reports to any location other than the applicant's address. When it has been determined that documents submitted for evaluation or translation were forged or altered in any way, no evaluation report or translation will be prepared and the fees will not be refunded. Fraudulent documents will not be returned to the applicant. All recipients indicated on the application form will be notified. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the documents which need to be evaluated. If the application is not completed within three months, JS&A will close the file. A new evaluation fee will be required for updating the file. JS&A will keep applications with academic credentials for one year only. Please note that all fees are subject to change without notice. Refusal of service: JSA reserves the right to refuse service to anyone. In preparing an evaluation report, every effort is made to consult appropriate resources, in order to provide the most accurate evaluation possible. JS&A will provide a list of the references used in making the specific evaluation upon written request.

TYPES OF EVALUATIONS

FRESHMEN APPLICANTS

Must request the high school Course-by-Course evaluation and calculation of high school grade point average. An official original transcript of grades 9 through 12 and high school diploma must be submitted, Students who are applying, but have not graduated yet, must submit a transcript of the study completed so far starting with grade 9. Students who sit for external examination, such as Baccalaureate, GCSE, CXC, WASC, etc. must submit official original results of these examinations.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Students who completed university study must submit an official original transcript with courses, credits or hours of instruction and grades for the post-secondary/university Course-by-Course evaluation and calculation of undergraduate grade point average. Transfer applicants who completed less than two years of university study must also request the high school Document-by-Document Evaluation and the high school grade point average.

GRADUATE APPLICANTS

Must check with the department they are applying to if they need the post-secondary/university Course-by-Course evaluation plus grade point average, or the post-secondary/university Document-by-Document Evaluation plus grade point average.

It is the responsibility of applicants to request the type of evaluation and additional services they need.

PROCESSING TIME

1. Standard Processing Time: Evaluations are normally prepared in ten working days from the receipt of all required fees, information and documentation. Evaluations which require extensive research and correspondence may take longer to prepare.
2. Rush Evaluation Reports

- a) 24-Hour Evaluation Report
- b) 2-Day Evaluation Report
- c) 5-Day Evaluation Report

Rush evaluation reports will be completed in a timely fashion, in accordance with the type of rush evaluation report requested, upon receipt of all required fees, information and documentation. If, for any reason, the evaluation report cannot be completed within the specified time after receipt of all required fees, information and documentation, the rush fee will be refunded and the evaluation will be completed as quickly as possible. The rush fee will be adjusted to reflect the actual processing time and a refund of the difference will be issued. Rush evaluation reports must be paid for by bank check, money order or credit card.

COST OF EVALUATIONS

1. High School Document-by-Document - U.S. \$80
2. University and Post-Secondary Document-by-Document – U.S. \$80
3. High School Course-by-Course - U.S. \$140 (For transfer into US high schools and admission to some university programs).
4. University and Post-Secondary Course-by-Course - U.S. \$140 (For transfer admission).
5. 24-Hour Evaluation - U.S. \$150 in addition to the basic fee.
6. 2-Day Evaluation - U.S. \$100 in addition to the basic fee.
7. 5-Day Evaluation Report - U.S. \$50 in addition to the basic fee.
8. Grade Point Average Equivalent - U.S. \$40 in addition to the basic fee. (U.S. \$40 for each level of education).
9. Re-evaluation - Re-evaluations based on documents not submitted with the original request are considered new evaluations and a second payment of the basic fee is required. When an applicant requests that a Document-by-Document evaluation be changed to a Course-by-Course evaluation, the charge is U.S. \$140.
10. Extra evaluation reports - Additional original evaluation reports requested at the time of evaluation cost \$20 each. Each evaluation report requested after the evaluation has been completed costs \$30 (evaluations may be available only within 3 years of the original date of issuance). Please add \$5 to the cost of each report that you wish to be mailed to you in a specially sealed JS&A envelope. Applicants must submit pre-addressed labels or envelopes for mailing of evaluation reports to any location other than the applicant's address
11. Return of original documents by secure means:
 - Within the United States: - By certified mail: US \$15 per address
 - By courier: US \$40 per address
 - Outside of the United States: - International courier: US \$80 per addressJS&A accepts no liability for loss or damage of academic credentials during mailing.
12. The applicants are responsible for any verification fees charged by their universities.

JS&A does not accept courier
airbills filled out by applicants.

INFORMATION ABOUT EVALUATIONS

Method of Operation - To keep the cost of evaluations as low as possible, the evaluation service is conducted by mail. If there are questions concerning an application, Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. will e-mail, write, or telephone the applicant. If the applicant requests a personal interview, the charge will be U.S. \$60 per half hour. Interviews are by appointment only.

Reassessment of Education Systems - Evaluations are based upon the best information and resources currently available to foreign credential evaluators in the United States. Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. reserves the right to reassess educational systems as new and additional information becomes available.

Satisfaction with Evaluations - JS&A guarantees that all evaluations are prepared by highly qualified evaluators, but it cannot guarantee that the applicant will agree with the evaluation. Any questions or concerns about evaluations must be submitted in writing.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you have a Pitt. user name, also known as a student I.D. or People Soft number, please list it here. _____

If you have a U.S. Social Security Number, please list it: _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: _____
 Male Female

Please use your name exactly as it appears on your passport.

Full name: _____
 Last name First name Middle name Maiden name

Address: _____
 Street Address Apartment Number

City State Country (if not US) Zip Code
 Date of birth: _____ Country of citizenship: _____ Country of birth: _____
 Month / Day / Year

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
 Area code and number Area code and number

Type of Professional Service Requested:

Basic Fees

- High School Document-by-Document+GPA (US \$120 basic fee)
- Post-Secondary/University Document-by-Document+GPA (US \$120 basic fee)
- High School Course-by-Course + GPA (US \$180 basic fee) **
- Post-Secondary/University Course-by-Course + GPA (US \$180 basic fee)

Additional Services

- Extra Evaluation Report (US \$20 per report) How many? _____
- Extra Report in Sealed Envelope (US \$25 per report) How many? _____
- Secure Return of Originals. US \$ _____
- Translation (quote provided upon request) \$ _____
- Other \$ _____

Rush Fees

- 24-Hour Evaluation (US \$150 + basic fee)
- 2-Day Evaluation (US \$100 + basic fee)
- 5-Day Evaluation (US \$50 + basic fee)

****This evaluation must be selected by high school students who never attended university.**

(mark one box) - APPLYING TO: UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE ADMISSION

Have you used JS&A services previously? Translation: No: _____ Yes: _____ Date: _____
 Evaluation: No: _____ Yes: _____ Date: _____

FOR UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS, ONE EVALUATION REPORT WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.

Graduate applicants must provide JS&A with an address where to mail their evaluation.

If you want your evaluation to be sent to other educational institution, or a graduate school of the University of Pittsburgh (at U.S. \$20/copy), please list their names and addresses below:

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Educational Institutions Attended (You must list all educational institutions you have attended. Begin with the first year of elementary school and include any school you are now attending.)

	Name of Institution	City, Country	Attendance From - To	Diplomas or Certificates	Year of Graduation
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I certify that all information provided in this application is complete, factually accurate, and honestly presented. I certify that I have read the instructions and conditions (including that all fees are **(non-refundable)** and agree to the terms stated therein. I understand that the evaluation is advisory and is not binding upon any agency or institution that uses it. I release Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. from any liability for damages resulting from the use to which I or any agency or institution puts the evaluation. Any litigation arising out of this agreement will have its venue in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The prevailing party in any litigation arising out of this agreement is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and all costs accrued during the litigation.

Signature of the applicant: _____

Date: _____

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ACCEPT EVALUATIONS DONE BY JS&A

JS&A is a Member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. (NACES). Evaluations prepared by JS&A are accepted and recognized by the organizations listed below:

1. U.S. Federal Government

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
The United States Department of Agriculture
The United States Department of Defense
The United States Labor Department
The United States Office of Personnel Management
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Health Care Financing Administration

2. U.S. Armed Forces

Air Force
Army
Marines

3. Licensing Boards

Accounting: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
Architecture: Alaska, California
Barbers: Florida, South Dakota
Cosmetology: North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont
Engineering: Alaska, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Texas
Law: California, Florida, Texas
Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health: Florida
Medical Laboratory: American Medical Technologists, American Society of Clinical Pathologists, Health Care Financing Administration, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Tennessee
Midwifery: Florida
Nursing: Arizona, District of Columbia, Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon
Opticianry: Florida
Psychology: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Maryland, Virginia
Respiratory Care: National Board for Respiratory Care, California, Florida
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Florida, Georgia

4. State Departments of Education

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

5. Other Governmental and Private Agencies

American Association for Clinical Chemistry
Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Broward County Sheriff's Office
CASPA - Central Application Service for Physician Assistants
Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
NCAA
Office of Personnel of: City of Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami Beach, New York City, State of New York.

6. Hundreds of Colleges and Universities

Many other organizations which do not appear on this list may also accept evaluations done by JS&A. Applicants are advised to check with the agency, institution, or organization to which they intend to submit the evaluation to make certain that the evaluation will be recognized.



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CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

You must include the credit card holder's copies of the front and back of the credit card and U.S. Driver's License OR Foreign Passport.

Name of Cardholder:

As it appears on the credit card _____
First Middle Last

E-mail address: _____ Phone No.: _____
area code phone

Name of Applicant:

If different from the cardholder _____
First Middle Last

Billing Address:

Number Number Street Apt #

City State Zip/Postal code Country

I authorize Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. to charge my (check one):

VISA MASTER CARD DISCOVER

in the **total** amount of \$ _____ **(total amount must be filled in order to process your order).**

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____

3-digit security code on back of card: _____

Expiration Date (month/year): _____ / _____

Signature of Cardholder (Required): _____ Date: _____

This signature authorizes Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. (JS&A) to charge the amount for the requested services in U.S. dollars and the cardholder agrees to be bound by all Terms and Conditions (including that all fees are **(non-refundable)**) as stated in the JS&A application.