

MIAMI MEDIA SCHOOL RELOCATION GUIDE



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Greetings! Thank you for considering The Miami Media School (MMS) as you pursue a career in broadcasting! This guide has been developed to answer basic questions about your transition to the exciting community of Miami. This is the first step in equipping you with information to make the transition seamless. If there is something in this guide that has not been addressed, please do not hesitate to call and ask. It is likely that someone else has had a similar question or situation.

Making changes in your life can be an exciting, adventurous and sometimes difficult proposition. We strive to make this change as positive as we can!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT NOTICE—PLEASE READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

The intent of the following information is to assist MMS students and their families in relocating to the Miami area. It is not to be construed as a recommendation of any particular business, service provider or property owner. Please be discerning when entering websites listed/linked in this document, as MMS does not endorse or monitor the sites or their content. Much of the information in this Guide was obtained from former students and we work hard to make sure the information is accurate. If a website link or phone number is not working, please share it with us so that we may update it. For any additional questions, please contact MMS.

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Housing Information

Finding Your Home Away From Home

The MMS does not offer housing for its students. The school is located in the downtown area of Miami in sunny Florida. The zip code is 33130. We recommend doing your apartment/home search by zip code so that you find a place in close proximity to the school. Searching for a place to live from a distance can be a daunting task, which is why it is best to do some research before visiting Miami. The search aids below may be helpful to you. Choose a number of properties with your criteria so that you can visit them and determine which will be the best fit. Be sure to mention to the landlord/property manager that you are enrolling in an 18 month program and may need a pro-rated leasing option, should you wish to stay for a month after your graduation.

Housing Search Aids

<u>www.rent.com</u>	Choose to search zip code 33130 or downtown Miami area
<u>www.apartments.com</u>	Choose to search zip code 33130 or downtown Miami area
<u>www.apartmentguide.com</u>	Choose to search zip code 33130 or downtown Miami area
<u>www.mynewplace.com</u>	Choose to search zip code 33130 or downtown Miami area

Storage Facilities

After moving to Miami, some MMS students have needed temporary storage space. Below is a listing of storage facilities that are located a short distance from campus.

Storage Mart	855-389-8999	<u>www.storage-mart.com</u>
Safeguard Self Storage	305-722-7614	<u>www.safeguardit.com</u>
Cube Smart Self Storage	855-646-2519	<u>www.cubesmart.com</u>

Moving Companies

When choosing a moving company, it is wise to receive written estimates from at least three companies. Have them include the conditions of the estimate in case the final cost exceeds the estimate.

Mayflower Transit	877-720-4488	www.mayflower.com
Budget Van Lines	800-611-6001	www.budgetvanlines.com
Allied International	800-689-8684	www.allied.com
U-Haul	800-468-4285	www.uhaul.com

Utilities

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of utility companies that are contacted by renters/buyers. Feedback about your experience with companies is valuable to other students. Please share any input with the Admissions Office.

Miami Area Utility Providers		
<i>Gas, Water and Electric:</i>		
Florida City Gas	www.floridacitygas.com/	(800) 993-7546
Miami Dade Water	www.miamidade.gov/water	(305) 665-7477
Florida Power & Light	www.fpl.com	(305) 442-8770
<i>Telephone:</i>		
AT&T	www.att.com	(305) 442-877

Driver's License

If you are interested in driving in Florida please check the following website to gather information www.flhsmv.gov. It is a good idea to get acquainted with traffic rules and road signs that are specific to the U.S. prior to getting behind the wheel.

Purchasing a Vehicle

The cost of a vehicle, as in any country, depends on the make, model and year of the car. Used cars are generally less expensive than new cars, but more money may be paid in maintenance costs over the driving period. Insurance costs vary according to a driver's gender, age, driving experience, and type of vehicle that is being insured. Discounts can be obtained through most insurance agencies for students who have good grades (good student discount).

Mandatory Automobile Insurance

Vehicle insurance is a mandatory requirement in the state of Florida and must be obtained upon purchasing a vehicle.

Employment

Students on an M-1 Visa are not permitted to receive compensation for work. As part of Ohio Center for Broadcasting's curriculum you will be provided with an opportunity for a non-paid internship. Students on an F-1 Visa are not permitted to receive compensation for work during their first year of study. After the first year they can work on a part time basis as approved by the school.

Childcare and Schools

Childcare Providers and Schools		
<i>Childcare Providers</i>		
KLA Schools of Brickell	www.klaschoolsbrickell.com	786-442-6262
The Learning Experience	www.thelearningexperience.com	786-319-4745
Key Point Academy Brickell	www.keypointacademybrickell.com	305-755-9258
<i>Public Schools (K - 12)</i>		
Southside Elementary School	www.southsideowls.org	305-371-3311

Public Transportation

For bus and train schedules and fares, please visit
www.miamidade.gov/transit

Experiencing Miami

www.maps.google.com

This website can provide detailed driving directions and interactive maps for maneuvering in Miami.

www.miamiandbeaches.com

This website is excellent for both visitors and locals and provides information on how to get around, where to dine, event calendars, tourist attractions and the weather.