however, have the following ready for presentation to the U.S. Immigration officer at the port of entry:

- ✓ Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility), issued by the U.S. school and sent directly to the applicant;
- documentary evidence of sufficient funds to cover travel, tuition and living expenses in the United States;
- evidence that the applicant has a residence outside the United States, and has no intention of abandoning it; and
- evidence of scholastic and linguistic proficiency for the academic programs to be undertaken in the United States.

BEING THERE

Admissibility and entry

As soon as you stop at the U.S. border or at an inland port of entry, you are subject to U.S. law. U.S. Immigration can refuse entry to persons with criminal records or persons who cannot demonstrate that they have a legitimate reason to enter the United States. If refused entry you might simply be forced to return to Canada, but you could also be arrested and detained for days for an immigration hearing.

What you say in answer to questions by Immigration or Customs officers can be used against you if you are