

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · TUSCALOOSA

Turkish Consular Matters from Tuscaloosa: 2026 Guide

Your mission is in Houston. The general window is mornings only, visa applications sit in a separate thirty-minute window, and all three attache offices share the building.

SHORT ANSWER

Alabama sits in the consular district of the **Turkish Consulate General in Houston**, and that is not an assumption: the mission's own site lists its district as **eight states** and Alabama appears on the list on two separate pages; in the same round **the pages of the other five Turkish consulates general in the United States were also scanned and the word Alabama appears on none of them. There is no Turkish authority in Tuscaloosa where you can get your business done** and the trip leaves the state. Two things to state up front, because both mean a wasted trip: **there is one published window for general consular matters and it is mornings only**, and **visa applications are taken separately, in a thirty-minute window**.

Mission details

ITEM	DETAIL
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Houston
Address	5333 Westheimer Road, Suite 1050, Houston, TX 77056
Switchboard	+1 346 439 65 60
After-hours emergency and duty officer	+1 832 774 18 61. The contact page gives the same number under two separate headings, so it is a single line
Consular call center, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	+1 888 566 76 56
E-mail	consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr
Working hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The mission publishes no afternoon counter hours for general consular matters
Visa application hours	2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. , a separate thirty-minute window. The mission's own instruction asks you to book before you come
Consul General	Çağrı Sakar. Diplomatic postings change , so check current information before you go

All three attache offices share the building

In the previous round of this series the attache offices were **in a different building** from the Consulate General and that guide sent readers to two separate addresses. **The situation here is different and we do not carry that warning over:** the Religious Affairs, Education and Commercial attache offices all publish the Consulate General's address. **The education attache office sharing the building matters particularly for this city's reader**, because diploma and equivalency matters come up often in this readership; **but the appointments are separate**, and because the general window is mornings only, work out in advance whether they fit into one day.

Getting there from Tuscaloosa: build the plan around your own city

- **We publish no distance or driving time figures**, because none came from a source in this round. What we can say: Houston is **to the west** of this state, and the trip **leaves the state**.
 - **If you fly**, this city's scheduled flight option does not run through its own airport: **no scheduled passenger flights were found at the city's own airport in research** and the reader goes to the airport in the region's large city.
 - **The city has its own passenger rail station**, but **the route does not run toward Houston** and the line runs **one round trip a day**.
 - **You do not have to convert times:** the Consulate General is in the same time zone, so the published appointment and telephone hours are your own hours. But the window is narrow; keep that in mind.
 - **For a reader with a class and lab schedule:** because the general window is mornings only, this trip means **a full day** in practice. If you plan to go during term, book the appointment for a break week or a holiday period.
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Which matters run through the mission

The transaction headings in the mission's own application menu show what actually runs through it: birth notifications and civil registry matters, marriage notifications, passport matters, military service matters, notarial matters and powers of attorney, Turkish citizenship matters, estate matters, and education and visa headings. Booking, checking and canceling an appointment are done through the mission's own menu, and the menu is split in two: **consular transactions for Turkish citizens** and **visa pre-applications for foreign nationals**.

We do not write document lists into this guide. Each transaction has its own fee and its own document list, and which transaction requires what could not be verified one by one in this round. **Driving to another state with the wrong documents would be the most expensive advice this guide could give you;** confirm the list from the appointment menu and the call center.

A NOTARY TRAP, READ THIS ONE

- In this state **there is no such thing as a marriage license**. A marriage is created by filing a form, signed before an **Alabama notary public**, with a probate court.
- **And notarization of that form at the consulate is not accepted**: the signature required is that of a notary **commissioned by Alabama**. So do not plan to travel to Houston to have this form signed there.
- **And a deadline**: the form must **reach the court within 30 days** of the signatures, or the marriage is void. **The postmark date does not count**.

Three routes to try before you set out

- 1 **e-Devlet**. Civil registry, address and some document matters can be handled remotely; check which transactions are handled remotely [here](#) first.
- 2 **The call center**. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the fastest way to learn which documents are required: **+1 888 566 76 56**. Because the difference with Türkiye is **eight or nine hours**, this line is particularly useful here.
- 3 **Courier or mail**. Some transactions run by sending documents in. Ask the call center which ones are accepted, and **do not send documents on your own initiative**.

2026 closure days

The 2026 holiday list published on the mission's own contact page contains days falling after this guide was published, and two of them are immediately ahead: **October 12** and **October 29**. The list also includes November 11, November 26, December 24 and December 25, 2026, and January 1 and January 18, 2027. **The list is published annually**; check [the current list](#) before you book.

Checklist before the trip

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Try e-Devlet and the call center first	Some matters can be handled without setting out at all
☐ Confirm the documents for each matter one by one	The document list varies by transaction and this guide gives no list
☐ Book appointments on the same day or on consecutive days	Finish more than one matter in a single trip
☐ Account for the general window being mornings only	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No afternoon counter hours are published

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ If you have a visa matter, plan around the separate window	2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. , thirty minutes, and an appointment is expected
☐ Set aside a full day if you go during term	The general window is in the morning, so a clash with a class and lab schedule is likely
☐ Check whether a holiday falls on the day you plan to go	The 2026 list is on the mission's contact page
☐ Have documents for use in Türkiye authenticated first	The order matters: authentication first, consular appointment second . The document must carry the wet signature and the embossed or inked seal of an Alabama public official in office ; an ordinary over-the-counter copy may not work
☐ Do not plan to have the marriage form signed in Houston	The signature required is that of an Alabama notary
☐ Do not rely on figures found online for military service	The conditions and amounts change from period to period and the current position could not be verified in this round. Ask the call center about your own birth year and status

The key to handling consular matters from Tuscaloosa is planning. The good news: **all three attache offices share the Consulate General's address and the mission is in your own time zone**. The hard news: **the window is narrow** and the trip leaves the state.



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