

APPLYING FOR AN F-1 VISA



When, How, & What to Provide When Applying for the F-1 Visa
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This link will also provide you with links to all U.S. Embassies and Consulates in your area. Make sure to check with your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate for forms, and documents that are needed prior to your visa interview.

Required Documentation

- Gather and prepare the following required documents before your visa interview:
- Passport (must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States).
- Non-immigrant Visa Application, Form DS-160 confirmation page.
- SEVIS fee payment receipt.
- Photo. You can upload it on the website or take one with you for the interview day.
- Form I-20 that your school will send you with your acceptance package.

Additional Documentation May Be Required

- Your academic preparation, such as: Transcripts, diplomas, degrees, or certificates from schools you attended; and scores from tests that your U.S. school required, such as the TOEFL, or SAT.
- Certification of Financial Responsibility (CFR). Proof that you will pay all educational, living, and travel costs.
- Acceptance letter and Financial Aid Award letter.

Paying the SEVIS fee

When you receive your SEVIS number from your official form I-20, you must pay the fee by going to the website www.fmjfee.com. The fee is \$350.

Points to Remember When Applying for a Visa

Ties to your home country: Under U.S. law, all applicants for non-immigrant Visas, such as F-1 Visas, are viewed as intending immigrants until they can convince the consular officer that they are not. It is very important that you take as much evidence as possible to show you have ties to your home country.

Be prepared for your interview to be conducted in English and speak for yourself: Try not to bring parents, family or sponsors with you to the interview. It is you they want to talk with.

Be brief: You will only have a short time to make your first impression.

Maintain a positive attitude: Do not engage in confrontational behavior when speaking with the interviewer.

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