

International Student Admissions

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Paying for your SEVIS I-20 and Preparing for your Visa Interview

Who pays the SEVIS fee?

Prospective students who are planning on getting an F-1 or student visa for the first time or prospective students who have “initial attendance” on their SEVIS I-20 must pay the fee.

When do I have to pay the SEVIS fee?

The SEVIS fee must be paid at least *three* business days prior to applying for your visa.

How do I pay the fee?

The fee can be paid to the Department of Homeland Security either by mail or online and must be accompanied by a Form I-901. The fee can be paid by you or by a third party, inside the U.S or outside the U.S.

To Pay by Mail or Internet:

1. Go to www.FMJfee.com.
2. Obtain Form I-901 from the website given above.
3. If you or another person who is going to pay the fee on your behalf is inside the U.S., you can call 1-800-870-3676 to obtain Form I-901.
4. Make sure to fill out the form correctly. It is imperative that you write your name on the form exactly as it appears on your passport and your SEVIS I-20.
5. Prepare a check, international money order, or foreign draft (drawn on U.S. banks only) in the amount of \$200 USD, made payable to “The Department of Homeland Security.”
6. Mail the completed Form I-901 and your check to the following address:
I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
P. O. Box 970020
St. Luis, MO 63197-0020
7. If you are paying the fee over the Internet you can use a credit card.
8. Make sure to hold on to your receipt, Form I-797, in order to provide evidence that you paid your fee. You will be showing it to the Consulate officer later when you will be getting your visa.

Preparing for your Non-immigrant F-1 Student Visa Interview

Contact your local U.S. Consulate or Embassy to ask about how to get an F-1 International Student Visa. Another way you can acquire this information is by visiting <http://usembassy.state.gov/>. Another very helpful source is the website of the U.S. Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/visa/tempvisitors_types_students2.html.

What You Need to Bring with You to the Interview:

- Passport that is valid for at least six months
- SEVIS I-20 Form
- Completed visa applications (DS-156, DS-158, and, if applicable, DS-157) and pay fee
- Two 2” x 2” photographs of yourself
- A receipt for the visa application fee
- A receipt for SEVIS fee
- Evidence that you have sufficient funds to cover your tuition and living expenses (original letter from the bank and sponsor)
- Any information that proves that you will return back to your home country after graduation. This may include property and/or family ties that you do not want to break.
- Review the International Student Handbook