



Fact Sheet

I-901 SEVIS Fee for F, M, & J Non-Immigrant Students & Exchange Visitors

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is an automated process for collecting, maintaining and managing information about international foreign students, exchange visitors and their dependents during their stay in the United States.

Student & Exchange Visitor Information System Fee

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides for the collection of a Congressionally mandated fee to be paid by certain aliens who are seeking status as nonimmigrant students (visa categories F-1, F-3, M-1, or M-3) or as nonimmigrant exchange visitors (visa category J-1). The purpose of this fee is to cover the costs for the continued operation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), including the administration and maintenance of SEVIS, compliance activities, and the establishment of SEVIS Liaison Officers. These SEVIS Liaison Officers will be a local resource for schools and students, providing timely and accurate information or assistance in meeting the requirements of the program.

SEVIS Fee Cost

For spouses and dependent children (F-2, M-2, or J-2) of students or exchange visitors	None
For students (F-1, F-3, M-1, or M-3)	\$100
For exchange visitors (J-1) <i>unless</i> participating in:	\$100
Federally sponsored exchange visitor program (program codes starts with G-1, G-2, or G-3)	None
Summer work/travel program	\$35
Au pair program	\$35
Camp counselor program	\$35

Options for Payment

Electronically, by completing Form I-901, *Fee Remittance for Certain F, M, and J Non-immigrants*, through the Internet (www.FMJfee.com) using a credit card.

Through the mail, by submitting Form I-901, together with a check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. currency.

To ensure electronic verification of the fee payment at the consular office, non-immigrants paying the fee electronically or by mail must submit the fee at least three business days before the scheduled visa interview to the DHS address listed on the Form I-901. This will allow time for the fee to be deposited and payment recorded in SEVIS.

Receipts

DHS will issue an official paper receipt (I-797) acknowledging every payment regardless of payment method.

Express delivery service for the I-797 receipt may be requested at additional cost.

Anyone who submits an individual fee electronically will be able to print out an electronic receipt immediately at the time of payment for use in advance of the mail delivery of the official paper receipt.

Frequently Asked Questions

Which prospective students or exchange visitors must pay the SEVIS fee?

Those who wish to either enter the U.S. as a student or exchange visitor with a Form I-20 or DS-2019 dated after September 1, 2004, except for those participating in a fee exempt exchange visitor program. Fee exempt exchange visitor program codes start with G-1, G-2, or G-3.

Those who are in the U.S. and wish to change to a student or exchange visitor status from another non-immigrant status. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides for the collection of a Congressionally mandated fee to be paid by certain aliens who are seeking status as non-immigrant students (visa categories F-1, F-3, M-1, or M-3) or as non-immigrant exchange visitors (visa category J-1).

When do prospective students or exchange visitors pay the SEVIS fee?

Applicants needing a visa to enter the U.S. must pay the SEVIS fee before going to the U.S. embassy or consulate for their visa interview.

Applicants who are citizens of Canada or Bermuda or residents of certain other islands described in 8CFR 212.1a wishing to apply for F-1, F-3, M-1, M-3, or J-1 status at a Port of Entry into the U.S. must pay the SEVIS fee before entering the U.S.

Non-immigrants currently in the U.S. who apply for student or exchange visitor status must pay the fee prior to filing their change of status application.

Student & Exchange Visitor Program Contact Information:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: www.ice.gov

Department of Homeland Security: www.dhs.gov

Department of State: www.state.gov

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Call DHS:

1-785-330-1048

(US Country Code 011)

www.FMJfee.com

I-901 Instructions

Welcome to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) Form I-901 Online Completion site. This site is used to pay the fee required for F, M, and J nonimmigrants authorized by Public Law 104-208, Subtitle D, Section 641. If you are subject to this fee and do not pay it, you will not be issued an F, M, or J nonimmigrant visa for admission to the United States. If you are in the United States applying for a change of status and are subject to this fee, you must pay the fee or your application will not be processed. In order to determine if you are required to pay the fee, read the instructions contained on this page and proceed to the online form by clicking "YES" at the bottom of this page.

Documents needed to fill out this form:

F-1, F-3, M-1, and M-3 status only: Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status) issued to you by the SEVP-approved school you will attend.

J-1 status only: Form DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor [J-1] Status) issued to you by the designated exchange visitor program in which you will participate.

All forms must be completed in English. The personal information used to fill out your form must be an exact match for information on your I-20 or DS-2019.

