

# Steps to Apply for a Student Visa



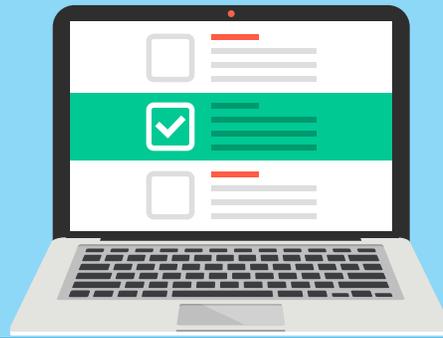
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Receive the official form (DS-2019 for J-1 visa or I-20 for a F-1 visa) in the mail from your school.



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Pay the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee at [www.fmjfee.com/](http://www.fmjfee.com/). You may want to print out your proof of payment for your own records.



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Go to the U.S. Department of State website [ceac.state.gov/genniv/](http://ceac.state.gov/genniv/) to fill out an Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application DS-160 form and to pay the visa application fee of \$160. Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply for instructions on how to pay.



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After you pay the visa application fee, schedule your interview – the earlier the better! Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply for instructions on how to schedule it.



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On the day of your interview, bring the following documents: *an original DS-2019 or I-20 form; form DS-160 confirmation page; passport; photo; and visa application fee receipt.*

Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply to check whether additional documents are needed.



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The interviewing officer will inform you at the end of your interview whether your visa is approved or denied. If approved, the interviewing officer will tell you when you will receive your visa.

