

Applying for an F-1 Student Visa

After receiving your I-20, schedule an Interview at the Local American Embassy, you may find the address to it in the link below:

<http://usembassy.state.gov/>

-Application process may vary from embassy to embassy.

-Refer to your local US Embassy to find out about the application process and fees.

Complete form I-901 and pay the SEVP/SEVIS fee (www.fmjfee.com) read (*SEVP Reporting Fee* document on our website) make sure you know where you are planning to stay in the United States before the interview. Have all your financial information in hand.

- Have the supporting letters sent in the I-20 package with you.
- Have the receipt for the \$ 100, I-901 fee (SEVP Reporting Fee) in hand.
- Wear appropriate attire.
- Be confident.
- Know how to answer the questions they will ask, for example:
 - Why do you want to study English in the United States?
 - Can't you study here in (country name)?
 - How long are you planning on being in the USA?
 - Where are you going to live? (Be specific)
 - How are you going to support yourself there? (Note: You are NOT permitted to work in the United States, unless authorized by USCIS)
 - What are your plans after you learn English?
 - When are you planning to come back to your country?

Truthfully demonstrate that you are planning on coming back to your native country, some examples may be:

- Plans on what you are going to do with the education received in the USA.
- An employment contract that requires you to come back to work for a given company.
- Family relations or properties that tie you to your country of origin.

Know how to answer to these questions and others you know they that may be asked. Be confident and truthful as you respond to all questions.

- Make sure you have all the documentation needed and more, especially financial information.
- Smile.
- Be polite, even if turned down.