



Applying for your F-1 visa

After you receive your I-20 from the Language Institute, you should start the process to apply for an F-1 student visa. Here are the steps you will need to do:

(1) Pay the SEVIS fee (USD \$ 350) before your appointment and bring the receipt of payment to your interview.

Methods of Payment

Online:

- Payment can be made by going to <https://www.fmjfee.com/> with a valid debit card or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express).
- Complete the payment instructions as instructed.
- Be sure to enter your name exactly as it appears on your I-20.
- Enter your SEVIS ID number (found in the upper right hand corner above the barcode of your I-20).
- Print at least one copy of the online receipt after completing the payment.
- Attach the SEVIS fee receipt (form I-797) to your I-20 for your visa interview.

By Mail:

- Download the I-901 form from <http://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2015/i901.pdf>
- Mail the form with a check or money order to the SEVIS processing center in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
- Your receipt will be mailed to you.
- Attach the SEVIS fee receipt (form I-797) to your I-20 for your visa interview.

Western Union:

- Fill out the Form I-901 online at www.fmjfee.com. A payment coupon will be generated upon completion of the form.
- Print a copy of the payment coupon and take it to your local Western Union.
- Fill out the Quick Collect/Quick Pay Form according to the information found at the bottom of the printed coupon. Example below:
Company Name (or Code City): SEVISFEE
Account Number: Coupon Number (ex: 010222013872390)
Amount: 350.00*
**Please note that the payment amount may differ according to your specific visa type.*
- Present the coupon and your payment to the Western Union Agent for processing.

Payment will be linked to your Form I-901 and your online payment confirmation will be available immediately at <https://www.fmjfee.com/>. You may also check the status of your fee payment at <https://www.fmjfee.com/>. **We recommend paying the SEVIS fee using the online payment method for faster processing.** If you do not have a credit card, ask a family member or friend to help you make the payment. Visit <https://studvinthelstates.dhs.gov/students> for a tutorial on paying the SEVIS fee.

(2) Complete the following application form:

- DS-160: Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>