

How to apply for a U.S. Visa

1. Complete the online nonimmigrant visa application ([Form DS-160](#)). Print a copy and bring it to your visa appointment.
2. Upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. Your photo must be in the format explained in the [Photograph Requirements](#).
3. Schedule an interview. You should schedule an appointment for your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the country where you live . You may schedule your interview at another U.S. Embassy or Consulate, but be aware that it may be more difficult to qualify for a visa outside of the country where you live.
4. Pay the non-refundable visa application fee (currently \$160). Keep a copy of the receipt of payment.

For more information, visit: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study.html>

Documents required for interview:

- Passport valid for travel to the United States - Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States.
- Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-160 confirmation page.
- Application fee payment receipt, if you are required to pay before your interview.
- Photo – You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. If the photo upload fails, you must bring one printed photo in the format explained in the Photograph Requirements.
- Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status, Form DS-2019-CSUDH's Responsible Officer will provide you with this SEVIS generated form.

Additional Documentation That May Be Required:

A consular officer will interview you to determine your qualifications for an exchange visitor visa, and may request additional documents, such as evidence of:

- The purpose of your travel.
- Your intent to depart the United States after your travel;
- Your ability to pay all travel costs.

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Fees

Every student or exchange visitor issued an initial Form I-20 or DS-2019, on or after September 1, 2004, is responsible for paying a fee to SEVP (International Student Exchange Visitors Program). This is a non-refundable fee for anyone seeking a nonimmigrant visa to the United States

1. SEVIS I-901 fee of \$220 USD per person. Payment can be made online with a credit card at <https://www.fmjfee.com> (Please print a copy of your receipt and present a copy during your interview at the US consulate).
2. There is a non-refundable visa application fee of \$160.00 USD.

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