

F1 VISA FROM ABROAD

Below you will find the STEPS to apply for an F1 visa from ABROAD:

STEP I

Complete the attached Biographical Form and take our Placement Test:

We will need your detailed biographical information including your first, last name, date of birth, e-mail address, and your full **foreign address**, emergency contact name and phone number. Besides that, we will email you our Placement Test. **This will determine what level you will qualify for and the start date of your classes in our school if we have a class available.**

STEP II

Be accepted and get your I-20:

If you are planning to come to the USA on a student visa (F1 visa) you will first need to be accepted and receive the I-20 form from our school.

In order to issue the I-20 form we will need the following documents from you (you can scan the documents and email them to us):

- **Current passport;**
- **University or high school diploma** (translated into English);
- **Evidence of financial support** showing, at minimum, the equivalent of:
 - \$ **12,500** as the balance (for 1 year study), including annual tuition of \$4,410 plus living expenses;
 - \$ **10,000** as the balance (for 6 months study), including 6 month tuition of \$2,940 plus living expenses;
 - \$ **5,000** as the balance (for 3 months study), including 3 month tuition of \$1,470 plus living expenses;
 - *Verified by a signature and stamp from a bank representative.*

There are 3 options:

- 1) Own Funds:
 - (a) Bank Statement (from an account under your name).
 - In English or translated into English.
- 2) Sponsorship from the United States:
 - (a) Declaration of Financial Support I-134 (we can email it to you);
 - (b) Bank Statement (from an account under the sponsor's name).
- 3) Sponsorship from Abroad:
 - (a) Letter from a Sponsor translated into English;
 - (b) Bank Statement (from an account under the sponsor's name);
 - (c) Affidavit of Support Form (the sponsor's signature has to be notarized).

Dependents (Spouse and minor children):

If the student is coming with his/her spouse and their children, besides the previous documents, the student will have to provide a copy of each dependent's passport and the additional financial evidence in the amount of:

For 1 year of study: \$ 4.000,00 (each dependent);

For 6 months of study: \$ 3.000,00 (each dependent);

For 3 months of study: \$ 2.000,00 (each dependent).

FEES:

- I-20 fee:

- **\$250** for F1 student;
- **\$50** for F2 (each dependent);

After we receive your payment for the I-20, we will issue the I-20 to you.

This fee is NON-REFUNDABLE;

- Postal fee of \$90:

If IEC needs to mail the documents to your home, we will charge a postal fee.

STEP III

Applying for a F1 VISA:

As soon as you receive the I-20 from our school, you must pay the **SEVIS FEE (\$350)**. This fee is for the Immigration Office only. Bring the SEVIS FEE receipt to your interview in the US Embassy.

After you pay the **SEVIS FEE**, you can schedule an appointment for F1 Visa at a US Embassy.

Please be advised, it's extremely important to contact us as soon as you have received an answer about your F1 Visa. Whether it was approved or not you have to inform us. If the visa was approved, you'll have to e-mail us a copy of your visa sticker in your passport.

STEP IV

Arriving in the USA:

After you arrive in the USA, please e-mail us to schedule an appointment with our staff to register you for your class, take our speaking test and pay the following fees:

- a) First tuition payment: **\$ 490**
- b) The registration fee: **\$ 25**
- c) Textbooks: **\$ 90**

Within your e-mail, please attach a copy of your I-94 Form.

You will also receive a payment plan:

- a) Monthly tuition payments are: \$ 490.00
- b) Total annual tuition: **\$ 4,410.00 (9 payments of \$490 each if F1 is approved)**