

Important Sevis Information

Sevis Fee

A Sevis fee has been implemented by the Department of Homeland Security for any Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 issued on or after September 1st. 2004. This fee must be paid, and a receipt of payment received, before your visa appointment. Please view the attached website for important information regarding payment of this fee. <http://www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/i901/index.htm>

Travel Tips for Students and Exchange Visitors

1. Hand carry (do not check) the following documents:
 - a. Your passport;
 - b. Your SEVIS form I-20 or DS-2019;
 - c. Evidence of financial resources;
 - d. Evidence of student or exchange visitor status, such as tuition receipts, transcripts or letter of acceptance;
 - e. Paper receipt for the SEVIS fee; and
 - f. The name and contact information of your designated school official or sponsor

***Important Note:** If you are a new student, remember to carry with you the sealed envelope given to you by the U.S. Department of State's Consular Officer -- attached to your passport. It is important that you do not open this envelope.*

2. Inform the CBP Officer at the port of entry as soon as possible that you will be a new or returning student or exchange visitor in the United States.
3. Report to your school or program upon arrival so that your school official can validate your participation in SEVIS.
4. Maintain contact with your designated school or sponsor official throughout your stay to ensure your SEVIS data is updated and accurate.

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