

Paying the SEVIS I-901 Fee

Step 1:

Apply for admission to a school in the U.S. If the school accepts you, the school will send you immigration form “I-20.” The “I-20” document gives you permission to apply for a non-immigrant student visa from the U.S. embassy or consulate nearest you.

Step 2:

Before you can make an appointment for a visa interview, you must first complete immigration form “I-901” and pay the SEVIS fee, \$200. Instructions for completing form I-901 and paying the SEVIS fee are at: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>

Step 3:

The web site will explain several ways to complete the I-901 form and pay the SEVIS fee. The easiest way to pay the SEVIS fee is on-line with a credit card or debit card. You can immediately print out the receipt when the credit card transaction is complete. Anyone with a credit or debit card can pay the SEVIS fee for you and print out the receipt.

Step 4:

When you fill out form I-901, you will need both the SEVIS number and the school ID number. Both of these numbers are on the I-20 form. The SEVIS ID number is in the top right corner of the I-20. The school ID number is near the top left side of the I-20 and usually starts with a number such as “CHI214F.....”

The U.S. embassy web site in your country will usually have information in your language about how to apply for a student visa and how to pay visa fees.