

Paying the SEVIS I-901 Fee

Do I have to pay the fee?

All I-20s issued after September 1, 2004 are subject to the SEVIS I-901 fee.

Spouses and minor children of students (F-2) do not have to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee. However, if the spouse or minor child wished to change status to F-1, he or she must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee before filing a change of status application.

When do I pay the fee?

If you need an F-1 visa to enter the United States as student, you must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee before going to the United States embassy or consulate for your visa interview. **You can schedule an interview before you make the SEVIS I-901 fee payment.** But the payment must be completed and verified before your interview. Be sure to allow time for the payment to be received and verified. If you are required to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee and do not pay it, your visa application will be denied by DOS.

Where do I get Form I-901?

You can find the I-901 form on the SEVIS website at <http://www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/i901/index.htm>. We recommend that you file the form online if you can. Just click on the link "File the I-901 Form" online. The form is also available in PDF on the same page. To download and print the form, just click on "Paper Form I-901 (PDF)". If you cannot get Internet access to print out a form or complete it online, we can fax you one. Just email us (esl@snc.edu) with your request and your fax number. If you have Internet access, completing the form online will help ensure that you provide all the information in the correct format. This helps speed processing.

How do I pay the fee?

Paying by credit card or debit card. You can pay for your fee by credit or debit card only if you are submitting your form online. If you pay by credit or debit card, you should print out a receipt if you need one immediately and cannot wait to receive receipt through the mail. The only credit cards accepted are Visa, MasterCard or American Express. The only debit cards (check cards) accepted are those that have the Visa or MasterCard logo. Pay SEVIS fee on-line at: <http://www.FMJfee.com>

Paying SEVIS by Western Union

You can also pay the SEVIS fee at your local Western Union office. To find the nearest Western Union Agent location go to <http://www.payment-solutions.com/agent.asp> and select a country or call the telephone number of the Western Union Commercial Services Network Agent in your country as listed in your phone book

Paying SEVIS by check or money order.

You can pay by international money order or check drawn on a financial institution in the United States and payable in United States currency. You must provide SEVP with Form I-901 information. There are two options for doing this:

1. Fill in Form I-901 online at <http://www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/i901/index.htm> and choose the option to pay by check or money order and print a payment coupon.
2. Complete a paper Form I-901.
3. Make check payable to I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee. You cannot fill in the Form I-901 online and pay by check if you do not have a printer because you must be able to print out the coupon and send it with your check or money order.

Can someone else pay for me?

Yes. Any person or organization can fill in your Form I-901 and pay your SEVIS I-901 fee. If a third party other than your school or exchange visitor program files the Form I-901, be sure to provide them with the information from your Form I-20 so they can complete the Form I-901 accurately.