

International Student Checklist

Applying from Abroad

If you are applying for an F1 visa from outside the U.S., you can follow the steps below.

STEP I - Application and Placement

- Fill out and submit an [online application](#).
- Complete the Placement Test which will be e-mailed to you

STEP II - Document and Fee Submission for I-20

- Submit the following documents to our school to be issued your I-20 (You may scan and e-mail the documents to us):
 - Current Passport
 - High school or College Diploma (translated into English)
 - Evidence of financial support showing sufficient funds of at least:
 - **\$15,000** for 1 year of study

There are 3 options:

1) Own Funds

- Bank Statement (from an account under your name)*

2) Sponsorship from the United States

- [Affidavit of Support Form I-134](#)
- Bank Statement (from an account under the sponsor's name)*

3) Sponsorship from Abroad

- Letter from a Sponsor translated into English stating that the sponsor will cover all tuition and costs of living (**the sponsor's signature has to be notarized**) [See Example](#)
- Bank Statement (from an account under the sponsor's name)*

Bank Statements **must be verified by signature/stamp from a bank representative*

Note: If you have any dependents, you must also submit a copy of each dependent's passport and additional financial evidence in the amount of:

- **\$3,500** for 1 year of study (each dependent)

- Pay the **\$400 Application from Abroad Fee** to IIFA English Learning Center (Non-refundable)
 - If you have any dependents, you must also pay the **F2 I-20 Processing Fee of \$50** per dependent

**International Postal Fee of \$75 will be charged if the I-20 must be mailed to you.*

STEP III - Apply for F1 Visa*

- Pay the **\$350 SEVIS Fee** to the Immigration Office as soon as you receive the I-20 from our school. You must bring the SEVIS Fee receipt to your interview.
- Print out and sign your I-20 using an ink pen. **Do not sign the I-20 electronically.**
- Schedule an appointment for an F1 visa at a US embassy
- You must notify our school when your F1 visa is approved and send us:
 - Copy of your visa sticker on your passport

STEP IV - Arriving in the USA

- Contact us after arriving in the USA to schedule your registration and complete the speaking portion of the placement test.
 - Submit a copy of your I-94 Form
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 - Registration Fee - **\$50**
 - Textbooks/Course Materials Fee - **\$150**
- Select a tuition payment plan
 - A. Pay tuition per course in one (1) installment (**\$2,950** per semester)
 - B. Pay in multiple installments throughout the semester