

## VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTS

After receiving your I-20, your next task is to apply for a student (F-1) visa. Even though this is an easy process, careful preparation will increase your chances of approval. It is advisable to provide all the documents listed below. In addition, we suggest that you read the visa information for international students provided at the U.S. Government websites: <http://travel.state.gov/visa/index.html> and <http://usembassy.state.gov/> (under "Consular Affairs", go to U.S. Embassy and Consulate Websites and select your country).

### Required Documents For ALL Students Applying for an "F-1" Student Visa:

- 1) **PASSPORT** (valid at least six months beyond the intended duration of stay)
- 2) **SEVIS Fee** (Effective September 1, 2004) Receipt (or other proof of payment) for U.S. \$100 SEVIS fee submitted with Form I-901, "Fee Remittance for Certain F, J, M Non-immigrants" For details and link to the form: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>
- 3) **I-20** (Original document, 3-pages)
- 4) **TOEFL, GRE or GMAT SCORE REPORT** if required by your program (Official)
- 5) **ACADEMIC DOCUMENTATION** (Transcripts, Marksheets and Degree Certificate/s)
- 6) **SPONSOR'S BANK STATEMENT** (Reflecting funds for at least the first year's expenses)
- 7) **SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT** (Indicating intent and ability to fund for two years)
- 8) **PHOTOGRAPHS** (Passport Size, 50 mm x 50 mm. See current requirements.)
- 9) **Visa Application Forms:** DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158 downloadable from [http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi\\_forms.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi_forms.html)

### For INDIAN APPLICANTS Only, Additional Recommended Documentation:

- 1) **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT CERTIFICATE** (Important)
- 2) **AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT** (On a Rs. 20/- Non Judicial Stamp Paper and Notarized)
- 3) **MARK SHEETS** (Originals) a) 10<sup>th</sup> Grade      b) 12<sup>th</sup> Grade      c) Degree
- 4) **VISA APPLICATION FEE** (Non-Refundable) In the form of Demand Draft favoring U.S. Consulate General, payable at the Consulate's Office in Indian Rupees. Please check the current application fee at the Consulate's Office nearest to you.
- 5) **VISA FEE** (After obtaining visa, Demand Draft payable in Indian Rupees)

***Please inform the Graduate School as soon as your visa is approved.***

***Thank you and good luck!***

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