
How to apply for a student visa from your country

Visa Application Process

- 1. Obtain an I-20 from your school**
- 2. Fill out a DS-160 (visa application)**
- 3. Make a visa interview payment & book your interview.**
- 4. Prepare all required documents for your visa application.**
- 5. Go to the visa interview**
- 6. Your Passport will be mailed to you in about a week.**

1. Apply for a school and obtain an I-20.

In order to obtain an I-20, you need to complete the following steps:

- i . Fill out the **online application form**: <https://mliesl.edu/admission/> & **pay the \$150 processing fee (non-refundable)**.
 - ii . Submit following documents via uploading or email
 - Copy of your **Passport** (Photo page)
 - Copy of your **Bank Statement**: must be less than 3 months old, with a minimum 1-year balance of \$15,600
 - Copy of your **transcript or diploma** from **high school or above**.
 - iii . Make your payment: \$450
 - **\$100 for I-20 shipping** (FedEx) & **\$350: SEVIS Fee**
 - *The SEVIS fee is the payment for the U.S. government(SEVIS) - we will make the payment and include the I-901 (SEVIS fee receipt) in your I-20 package.
 - iv . We will ship the I-20 package to your overseas address.
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2. Complete the online visa application

i . Fill out the online visa application.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html>

ii . Add a photo

You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160.

*Photo requirements:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/photos.html>

Note:

- Make sure you save your application ID #
- If you don't have items such as a Social Security #, choose “Does Not Apply”
- You must have your SEVIS ID # (on your I-20) and school address
- All security questions should be answered “No”
- For “Course of Study”, select “English Training”

The screenshot shows the 'Apply For a Nonimmigrant Visa' page. At the top, there is a header for the U.S. Department of State with a language dropdown set to 'ENGLISH'. Below the header, the page title is 'Apply For a Nonimmigrant Visa' with a 'FAQs' link. A 'Welcome!' message is followed by a 'Get Started' button and a red arrow pointing to a dropdown menu labeled 'Choose your country'. The dropdown menu is currently set to 'SELECT ONE'. Below this, there is a text input field for a security code, with the code '4TABJ!' displayed in a large, stylized font. To the right of the code input, there is a 'START AN APPLICATION' button. Below the code input, there is a 'RETRIEVE AN APPLICATION' button. The page also includes a list of instructions for users, such as 'Learn about Types of Visas', 'Use only Internet Explorer 11 or higher, Firefox, or Google Chrome 58 or higher', and 'Gather your documents'. A 'Notes' section at the bottom provides additional information about the application process.

- Make sure you save your application ID #

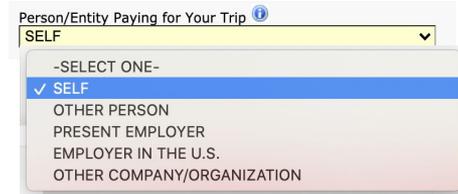


- If you don't have items such as a Social Security #, choose "Does Not Apply"

A form with three input fields. The first is "National Identification Number" with a red arrow pointing to a "Does Not Apply" checkbox. The second is "U.S. Social Security Number" with a red arrow pointing to a "Does Not Apply" checkbox. The third is "U.S. Taxpayer ID Number" with a red arrow pointing to a "Does Not Apply" checkbox.

- Choose who will pay for all expenses.

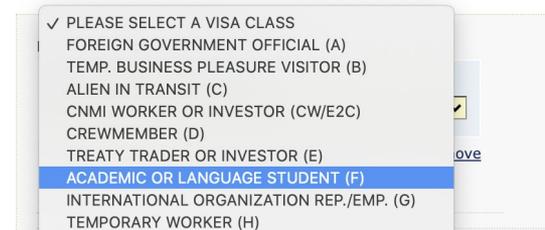
If you choose "self" then, you will submit your own personal bank statement.



- Choose the reason you're applying for your student visa

Travel Information

NOTE: Provide the following information concerning your travel plans.



- You need to input your contact info in the U.S.
Write the contact's name on your I-20 and input SCHOOL OFFICIAL under "Relationship to You." For "Email Address," select "Does Not Apply."

U.S. Point of Contact Information

Contact Person or Organization in the United States

Contact Person

Surnames

Given Names

Do Not Know

Organization Name

Do Not Know

Contact Person or Organization in the United States

Contact Person

Surnames

Given Names

Do Not Know

Organization Name

Do Not Know

Relationship to You ⓘ

Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact

U.S. Street Address (Line 1)

U.S. Street Address (Line 2) *Optional

City

State

ZIP Code (if known)

(e.g., 55555 or 55555-5555)

Phone Number

(e.g., 5555555555)

Email Address

(e.g., emailaddress@example.com)

Does Not Apply

Help: Contact

Your U.S. Point of Contact can be any individual in the U.S. who knows you and can verify, if necessary, your identity. If you do not personally know anyone in the U.S., you may enter the name of the store, company, or organization you plan to visit during your trip.

- You will need to give your SNS name

Social Media Provider/Platform

Social Media Identifier

- SELECT ONE -
- ASK.FM
- DOUBAN
- FACEBOOK
- FLICKR
- GOOGLE+
- INSTAGRAM
- LINKEDIN
- MYSPACE
- PINTEREST
- QZONE (QQ)
- REDDIT
- SINA WEIBO
- TENCENT WEIBO
- TUMBLR
- TWITTER
- TWOO
- VINE
- VKONTAKTE (VK)
- YOUKU
- YOUTUBE
- NONE

3. Make a visa interview payment & book your interview.

- Choose your country.

<https://www.ustraveldocs.com/>

- Fill out all required fields.

You will need your DS-160 confirmation # in order to pay your visa interview fee and make an appointment

- The visa interview fee is \$160.

Choose “Student and Exchange Visitor Visa ”

The screenshot shows the 'APPLY FOR A U.S. VISA in Japan' interface. On the left, a navigation menu includes 'New Application / Schedule Appointment', 'Group Scheduling Request', 'Provide Feedback', 'Update Profile', and 'Logout'. The main content area is titled 'Step 3: Please select a visa category that applies to you.' It lists several visa categories with radio buttons: 'Fancible Visas', 'Other Petition-Based Work Visas', 'Student and Exchange Visitor Visas' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Intray Workers Visas', 'Petition-Based Visas', 'C/D and I Visas', and 'All Other Visas'. A note below states: 'Note: Student and Exchange Visitor visa (F/M/J) applicants are required to pay a SEVIS fee. Information here: https://www.ustraveldocs.com/onlinepayment-visa/faq.html'. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right.

Choose “F-1 Visa ”

The screenshot shows the 'Select Visa Class:' section. It lists three options with radio buttons: 'F-1 - Academic or language studies' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'F-2 - Spouse/Child of F-1 visa holder', and 'M-1 - Vocational or Other Nonacademic studies'. Below these is another option: 'M-2 - Spouse / Child of M-1 visa holder'. A detailed description for the F-1 visa is provided: 'F-1 Visa This is the most common type of student visa. If you wish to engage in academic studies in the United States at an approved school, such as an accredited U.S. college or university, private secondary school, or approved English language program then you will need an F-1 visa. You will also need an F-1 visa if your course of study is more than 18 hours a week.' Another note states: 'M-1 Visa If you plan to engage in non-academic or vocational study or training at a U.S. institution then you will need an M-1 visa.'

Type your “DS-160 Confirmation #”

The screenshot shows the 'CONTACT INFORMATION' section of the application. It includes fields for 'Date of Birth' (05/15/1974), 'Nationality' (Japan), 'First Name' (David), 'Last Name' (Nozaki), 'Country of Birth' (Italy), and 'Gender' (Male). The 'DS-160 Confirmation Number' field is highlighted with a red arrow. Below this is the 'CONTACT INFORMATION' section with fields for 'Phone Number' (+81), 'Mobile Phone' (+81), and 'Email' (searnnozaki@gmail.com). A note at the bottom states: 'Your passport/documents will be returned to you via the delivery option of your choice. You may choose to have your passport/documents returned to your desired location in Japan by selecting the Home/Office (Inland) option, or to collect them from the U.S. Embassy/Consulate General in Tokyo. No selection in the Box 1 in'

4. Prepare all required documents for your visa application.

All documents must be in a clear folder. The required documents are:

- Passport (Valid for at least 6 months and opened to the photo page in the clear folder)
- The first page of the DS-160 (Confirmation Page)
- Identification Picture (5cm x 5cm)
 - *No glasses
- I-20
- Acceptance Letter from the school
- I-901 (SEVIS Fee receipt)
- Bank Statement in English
- Visa Interview Confirmation Paper

5. Go to your visa interview.

Tips:

- Your clothes should be business casual at least.
- We recommend wearing proper makeup and/or being well-groomed.

You will usually be asked 3 questions.

- **What is your purpose for going to the U.S?**
- **Who will pay your expenses while in the U.S?**
- **What will you do after you finish studying in the U.S?**