
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 U.S. Department of State Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160) form. The header includes the U.S. Department of State logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE" and "CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER". A language dropdown menu is set to "ENGLISH". The main heading is "Apply For a Nonimmigrant Visa". Below this, there is a "Get Started" section with a red arrow pointing to the "Choose your country" dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is currently set to "SELECT ONE". Below the dropdown menu is a text input field for "Enter the code as shown:" with the code "4TABJ" displayed. To the right of the code is a "START AN APPLICATION" button. Below the code is a "RETRIEVE AN APPLICATION" button. The form also includes a "Welcome!" message, a "Toolbox" section with links to "English" and "View Tool Tip Help", and a "Important: Before You Start" section with a list of instructions. At the bottom, there is a "Notes" section and a "Additional Information" link.

- Make sure you save your application ID #



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

National Identification Number
[Red arrow points to] ☒ Does Not Apply

U.S. Social Security Number
[Red arrow points to] ☒ Does Not Apply

U.S. Taxpayer ID Number
[Red arrow points to] ☒ Does Not Apply

- Choose who will pay for all expenses.

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

Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip ⓘ

SELF

-SELECT ONE-

☒ SELF

☐ OTHER PERSON

☐ PRESENT EMPLOYER

☐ EMPLOYER IN THE U.S.

☐ OTHER COMPANY/ORGANIZATION

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

Travel Information

NOTE: Provide the following information concerning your travel plans.

☒ PLEASE SELECT A VISA CLASS

☐ FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (A)

☐ TEMP. BUSINESS PLEASURE VISITOR (B)

☐ ALIEN IN TRANSIT (C)

☐ CNMI WORKER OR INVESTOR (CW/E2C)

☐ CREWMEMBER (D)

☐ TREATY TRADER OR INVESTOR (E)

☒ ACADEMIC OR LANGUAGE STUDENT (F)

☐ INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION REP./EMP. (G)

☐ TEMPORARY WORKER (H)

- 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.

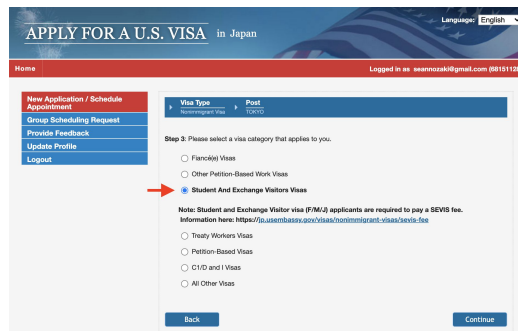
<https://www.ustraveldocs.com/>

- Fill out all required fields.

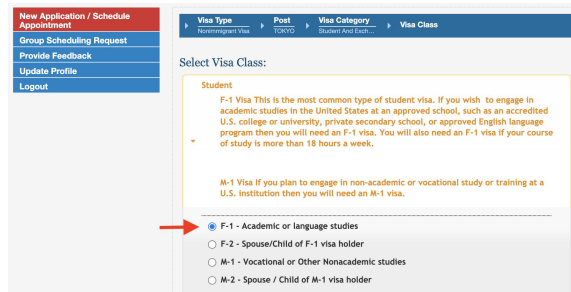
You will need your DS-160 confirmation # in order to pay your visa interview fee and make an appointment

- The visa interview fee is \$160.

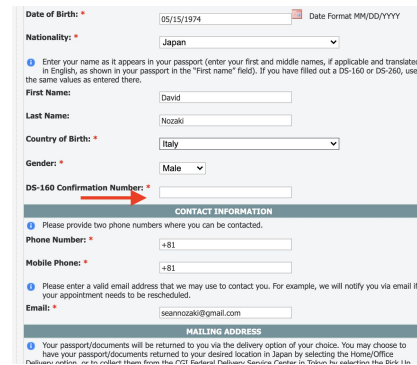
Choose “Student and Exchange Visitor Visa ”



Choose “F-1 Visa ”



Type your “DS-160 Confirmation #”



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?