

Student Visa Checklist

(Courtesy of the U.S. Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica)

Paymaster “fee paid” receipt “1” and “2”

A passport with a validity date of at least six months beyond the intended period of stay

Form I-20 A-B, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status-For Academic and Language Students or Form I-20 M-N, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (M-1) Student Status for Vocational Students. You will need to submit a SEVIS generated Form, I-20, which was provided to you by your school. Your school is responsible for entering your information for the I-20 student visa form into SEVIS. At the time of application for a visa, a student’s entry date on the I-20 form must be valid. If the date has expired, the student will need to obtain a new I-20 document from the school.

SEVIS I-901 Fee Paid Receipt: A US\$100 fee must be paid to the Department of Homeland Security. The fee may either be paid on-line (through the link listed below), via a local Western Union, or by mail. For more information on how to pay the SEVIS fee, go to <https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml>.

NIV Application Form DS-156 completed filled out and signed. Go to <http://evisaforms.state.gov> to access the form on-line. Remember, applicants who fill out their forms on-line will be offered earlier appointment dates and expedited processing times on the day of the interview.

NIV Supplemental Application Form DS-157 completely filled out and signed. Go to <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/7769.pdf> or http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_1342.html to access the form on-line. Remember, applicants who fill out their forms on-line will be offered earlier appointment dates and expedited processing times on the day of the interview.

Contact History and Supplemental Work Form (DS-158) completely filled out and signed. Go to http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_1342.html to access the form on-line. Applicants are strongly encouraged to fill out the forms electronically to take advantage of earlier appointment dates and expedited processing times on the day of the interview.

One passport-sized photography (2 inch by 2 inch with face fully to the front, in dark-colored shirt taken on white or off-white background within the last six months).

Evidence of funds available to cover the first year of study and access to sufficient funds to cover subsequent years. Such evidence can be in the form of bank statements from the applicant or sponsor, affidavits of support, proof of payment to the college or university, etc. The applicant also must document all proof of scholarships received.

Sufficient knowledge of English to pursue the intended course of study.

Recent transcripts, standardized test scores and other evidence to prove that the applicant is a bona fide student whose main purpose of travel is to complete a course of study in the U.S.