

# Steps to Apply for a Student Visa



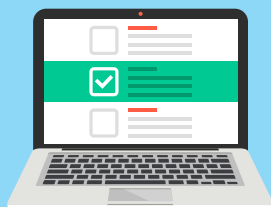
## STEP ONE

Receive the official form (DS-2019 for J-1 visa or I-20 for a F-1 visa) in the mail from your school.



## STEP TWO

Pay the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee at **[www.fmjfee.com/](http://www.fmjfee.com/)**. You may want to print out your proof of payment for your own records.



## STEP THREE

Go to the U.S. Department of State website **[ceac.state.gov/genniv/](http://ceac.state.gov/genniv/)** to fill out an Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application DS-160 form and to pay the visa application fee of \$160. Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply for instructions on how to pay.



## STEP FOUR

After you pay the visa application fee, schedule your interview – the earlier the better! Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply for instructions on how to schedule it.



## STEP FIVE

On the day of your interview, bring the following documents:

*an original DS-2019 or I-20 form; form DS-160 confirmation page; passport; photo; and visa application fee receipt.*

Consult the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you plan to apply to check whether additional documents are needed.



## STEP SIX

The interviewing officer will inform you at the end of your interview whether your visa is approved or denied. If approved, the interviewing officer will tell you when you will receive your visa.

