



Qualifying for a Student Visa

During your visa interview, a consular officer will determine whether you are qualified to receive a visa. You will need to establish that you meet the requirements under U.S. immigration law to receive the category of visa for which you are applying.

To qualify for a non-immigrant student visa, the Consular Officer must be satisfied that you:

- Are a legitimate student accepted to an accredited educational institution in the U.S.
- Capable of financing your education and living expenses for the duration of your study.
- Do not intend to permanently immigrate to the U.S.

The visa interview is not a lengthy one, so you must be prepared to concisely describe your intentions and respond to questions confidently and truthfully.



Visa Information Service

If you have additional questions about the visa application process, please contact the Visa Information Service at [592-225-8732](tel:592-225-8732).

Detailed application instructions are also available at:

- <http://georgetown.usembassy.gov>
- <http://usvisa-info.com>

For additional resources on studying in the United States, please visit:

- www.EducationUSA.state.gov
- <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov>

These websites provide useful information on:

- Living in the U.S.
- Scholarships and other financial resources
- University accreditation
- Structure of U.S. higher education
- Find-a-school search engine
- SEVIS Fee
- Maintaining student status in the U.S.

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Student Visa Application Guide



Take the first step now toward a U.S. college or university education!

Getting Started

Apply to a School

Before applying for a student visa, you must be accepted by a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) approved school. For more information on SEVP approved U.S. universities, visit www.educationUSA.gov or call our Education Advisor at 225-4900, Ext: 4018.



After Acceptance

When you are accepted by the U.S. school you plan to attend, you will be enrolled in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and you must pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee of \$200 USD. The U.S. school will provide you with a signed Form I-20 to present to the consular officer when you attend your visa interview.

Visit <http://www.ice.gov/sevis> to learn more about SEVIS and the SEVIS fee.

Student Visa Types

Your course of study and the type of school you plan to attend determine the appropriate visa classification.

F-1 Student Visa. The most common visa for those who want to study in the United States. It is for individuals who want to study at an accredited U.S. college or university or study English at a university or intensive English language institute.

J-1 Exchange Visa. This visa is for people who will be participating in an exchange program, including those programs that provide high school and university study.

M-1 Student Visa. This visa is for those who will be engaged in non-academic or vocational study or training in the United States.



For more information on student visa types, visit <http://travel.state.gov>.

Application Process

Application Steps:

- Complete a DS-160 application form at: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
- Register for visa services by creating an account at: <http://Guyana.usvisa-info.com>
- Pay the \$160 USD application processing fee at **Bank of Baroda**.
- Schedule an appointment online at <http://Guyana.usvisa-info.com>, or by calling the Visa Information Center at 225-8732. **Schedule your appointment early. You may do so up to 120 days before your school starts!**
- Appear at the U.S. Embassy for your interview when scheduled.

Potential students must submit the following documents in support of their applications:

- Valid Passport
- Valid I-20 Form (Issued by your college after acceptance)
- Non-immigrant visa application (DS-160) confirmation page
- Proof of payment of SEVIS fee to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Transcripts and diplomas from all previous academic work, such as CXC, CAPE, A-Levels, SAT, GRE, etc
- Evidence of sufficient financial resources to cover all tuition and living expenses in the U.S.