
Dependent Request Information

The spouse and unmarried minor children (under the age of 21) of F-1 or J-1 students or scholars may either accompany them to the United States, or come alone on a later date. To apply for an F-2 or J-2 visa, the dependent(s) should have the following:

- A valid passport
- Proof of sufficient funds to meet all their expenses while in the United States in the necessary amount (bank statements, affidavits of support, etc.)
- A form I-20 or DS-2019 – please complete the Dependent Request Form and submit it along with the other required documents to an immigration coordinator to obtain an I-20 or DS-2019 for a dependent
- Proof of relationship

When the family members arrive at a United States port of entry, they will present their passports containing the F-2 or J-2 visa and the Form I-20 or DS-2019 to the immigration inspector. Upon admitting them to the United States, the inspector will issue the Form I-94 (Arrival – Departure Record), which will show the date and place of entry and the authorized period of stay. This period of stay should be DIS for “Duration of Status.”

Reasons for denial of a visa include lack of proper documentation (such as lack of evidence of sufficient financial support), suspected excludability (such as criminal activity) or, most often, the inability to convince the consular officer that they will return to their home country after the authorized stay has ended.

The State Department employees at U.S. embassies or consulates abroad make visa issuance decisions. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) personnel are generally not involved in these matters. By statute, a consular official has absolute authority to determine the facts that will govern the issuance of a visa and the applicant has no statutory or constitutional right to review or appeal. The regulations do allow, however, for informal review of a consular officer’s adverse determination. An individual who is denied a visa must be advised of the specific reasons for denial and given an opportunity to present evidence to overcome the stated objections. Applicants can reapply for a visa.

The Office of International Affairs is not able to assist dependents to reverse adverse decisions made by U.S. embassies or consulates abroad.

Please bring a Photo ID with you when collecting your updated Form I-20.

Dependent Request Form – Add or Remove F-2 or J-2 Dependent

Primary F-1 or J-1 Student or Scholar Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

SEVIS ID Number: **N00** _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

- I request that a student immigration coordinator add the dependent named below to my SEVIS record. I understand I should contact the Student Health Insurance office within 31 days of my dependent arriving in the United States should I need to add them to my student health insurance plan.
- I request that a student immigration coordinator remove the dependent named below from my SEVIS record.
Please explain:

- I have notified the dependent named below that he/she will be removed from my SEVIS record.
- I have **not** notified the dependent named below that he/she will be removed from my SEVIS record.

Signature of Student: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

F-1 or J-1 Dependent Information

Copy of passport picture page must be included.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Student or Scholar: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Country of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Country of Permanent Residence: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Source of Funding (if adding a dependent): _____

Please provide sufficient financial documentation along with this paperwork.

