F-1 Students

Applying for a Visa

Before you begin the visa application process, you must have the following documents:

View More [1]

Employment

There are limited opportunities for F-1 students to work while studying. Please review the information below and
request employment permission as outlined.

Maintaining Legal Status

It is important that you maintain lawful F-1 status while in the U.S. There are some simple steps you can take to ensure that your stay in the U.S. remains valid.

Traveling

All international students, scholars and family members planning to depart from the U.S. and return after a temporary absence must have a valid passport in order to exit the U.S.
Transferring To & From Yale

If you are in lawful F-1 status and are completing or leaving your current program with confirmed arrangements to continue your studies in the U.S.

View More [5]

Spouses, Partners & Children

Spouses and children (under 21 and unmarried) of F-1 students hold F-2 status and may accompany you (or join you later) in the U.S. provided you demonstrate that there are sufficient financial resources for their support.

View More [6]
Applying for a Visa

Before you begin the visa application process, you must have the following documents:

Employment

There are limited opportunities for F-1 students to work while studying. Please review the information below and request employment permission as outlined.
Maintaining Legal Status

It is important that you maintain lawful F-1 status while in the U.S. There are some simple steps you can take to ensure that your stay in the U.S. remains valid.

Traveling

All international students, scholars and family members planning to depart from the U.S. and return after a temporary absence must have a valid passport in order to exit the U.S.

Transferring To & From Yale

If you are in lawful F-1 status and are completing or leaving your current program with confirmed arrangements to continue your studies in the U.S.
Spouses, Partners & Children

Spouses and children (under 21 and unmarried) of F-1 students hold F-2 status and may accompany you (or join you later) in the U.S. provided you demonstrate that there are sufficient financial resources for their support.

Source URL: [https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students)

Links:
[1] [https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/applying-for-the-f-1-student-visa](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/applying-for-the-f-1-student-visa)
[2] [https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/employment](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/employment)
[3] [https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/maintaining-legal-status](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/maintaining-legal-status)
[4] [https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/traveling-in-f-1-status](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/traveling-in-f-1-status)
[5] [https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/transferring-to-and-from-yale](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/transferring-to-and-from-yale)
[6] [https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/f-2-status-for-spouses-partners-children](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/f-2-status-for-spouses-partners-children)