Applying for a Visa

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

[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.

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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.

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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.

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