Paying the SEVIS Fee

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, you may want to consider waiting to pay the $350 SEVIS fee until U.S. consular services are fully restored. SEVP will not issue a refund if you cannot come to the U.S. for any reason.

What is the SEVIS Fee and When to Pay It

All new F-1 students must pay a one time SEVIS fee ($350). F-2 dependents do not have to pay the SEVIS fee.

The SEVIS fee is different from the “MRV fee” (visa processing fee). You do not need to pay the SEVIS fee to make a visa appointment, but the SEVIS fee must be paid at least three days prior to attending your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Canadian citizens, who are exempt from the visa requirement, must pay the SEVIS fee at least three days prior to requesting for admission to the U.S. at a U.S. port of entry.

How to Pay the Fee

Watch this video for step-by-step instructions [1].

You may pay this fee online with a credit card or by mail in the form of a check or money order to DHS. Third party payment is permitted. To pay the fee online, go to fmjfee.com [2].

Filling Out the Form

Complete the form supplying the necessary information.

Be certain that your name appears exactly as it appears on the I-20 form.

The SEVIS ID# is the number that begins with “N00” and is located in the upper corner of the I-20 form.

The School Code is: BOS 214 F 10162000.

Print Out the Receipt

You may also check the status of your SEVIS fee payment or reprint your receipt [2]. The receipt is proof you have paid the fee.

You will need to present the fee receipt with your application for a visa. (Canadians will need to present the fee receipt at the U.S. port of entry [3].)

For more information, visit the SEVIS fee website [2] or the SEVIS fee FAQs [4].

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