F-2 Status for 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.

Individuals in F-2 status may not work in the U.S.

F-2 children may only engage in full-time study at the kindergarten through high school (K-12) level. Part-time study is permitted at any level for persons in F-2 status.

To request an I-20 for your spouse or child, first connect with your OISS adviser [1] for the required funding minimums and to discuss how your dependent will move on to their new F-2 immigration status. When ready, your adviser will create a Student Dependent Request for you to complete in your OISS Connect portal [2]. Be prepared at that time to upload a copy of your dependent(s) passport and evidence of sufficient funds to support their stay.

Once the I-20s are issued, the F-2 family will need to request the F-2 visa from a U.S. Embassy or Consulate (unless they are Canadian citizens) prior to entering the U.S. in F-2 status.

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[1] https://oiss.yale.edu/about/contact-oiss
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