Paying the SEVIS Fee

Before Applying for Your Visa

All new J-1 students must pay a SEVIS fee prior to applying for a U.S. visa. J-2 dependents do not have to pay the SEVIS fee.

As of June 24th, 2019, the I-901 SEVIS fee is $220.

When to Pay the Fee

The SEVIS fee must be paid at least three days prior to submitting the application for a U.S. visa. Canadian citizens, who are exempt from the visa requirement, must pay the SEVIS fee at least three days prior to applying for admission to the U.S. at a U.S. port of entry.

Forms of Payment

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 www.fmjfee.com [1]. Complete the form supplying the necessary information. Be certain that your name appears exactly as it appears on the DS-2019 form. The SEVIS ID# is the number that begins with “N00” and is located in the upper right hand corner of the DS-2019 form. The Exchange Visitor Program Number is found on your DS-2019 in section 2 and the exchange visitor category is found in section 4.

Print the Receipt

You may also check the status of your SEVIS fee payment or reprint your receipt by clicking “Check I-901 Status” at the top of this page [2]. The receipt (I-901) is proof you have paid the fee. You will need to present the fee receipt with your application for a visa. (Canadians [3] will need to present the fee receipt at the U.S. port of entry).

For more information, visit the SEVIS fee website [1].