



HOW TO GET AN F-1 STUDENT VISA

1. After you have received your Las Positas College acceptance letter and I-20 Form, contact your nearest U.S. consulate to apply for your F-1 student visa. Visit <http://www.usembassy.gov/> to find information on your nearest U.S. consulate and the visa application procedures. Visa application procedures vary somewhat among Embassies and Consulates, depending on local needs. In most countries, you will need to make an appointment. This can be done by telephone, mail, over the internet, or in person, depending on circumstances in your country. More useful information on visas can be found at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html
2. You can see the current visa wait time at your consulate by visiting the following website: http://travel.state.gov/visa/tempvisitors_wait.php
3. A fee of **\$200** is required to cover the costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Complete I-901 Form to pay the fee. You can complete the I-901 Form on online with a credit card at <http://www.fmjfee.com> or by mail or by Western Union Quick Express. You will need your SEVIS ID # which is on the top right hand side of the first page of your I-20 under the words Student's Copy and above the barcode. All SEVIS ID numbers start with the letter N. Our school code, also on your I-20 is **SFR214F01580000**.
4. Complete **DS 156** Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form. This may be the electronic "e-form application" available at <http://evisaforms.state.gov/default.asp>. **Important Notice:** At certain U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad, nonimmigrant visa applicants are now required to apply for their visa using the new **DS-160 Online Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application**, instead of the nonimmigrant application forms DS-156,157,158 and other related forms. To learn more and find out which Embassies have converted to the DS-160 Online process, visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_4230.html
5. A completed **DS 157** Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application is required for males aged 16 to 45 and all applicants born in/or citizens of Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria.
6. A completed **DS 158** Contact Information and Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant Form may also be required.
7. Take the following with you on the day of your visa appointment interview:
 - Valid passport and valid for at least the next 6 months
 - Completed **DS 156 Form (or DS-160 Online Application)**
 - Photograph 5 cm x 5 cm
 - Receipt of payment of the visa application (\$131 or the equivalent in your home currency)
 - Completed **DS 157** Form for certain applicants
 - Completed **DS 158** Form if required
 - **Form I-797** Receipt of SEVIS Fee
 - **I-20 Form** (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status)
 - Financial Statement
 - Any other evidence that can show a U.S. consular officer that you have sufficient ties to your home country (a job, family, property) and that you will depart the United States at the time you stated.