



## 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](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/temp/wait/wait\\_4638.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/wait_4638.html)
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-160 Online Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application** available at: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms\\_4230.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_4230.html)
5. Take the following with you on the day of your visa appointment interview:
  - A **Passport** valid for travel to the United States and with a validity date at least 6 months beyond your intended period of stay in the U.S. (unless country specific agreements provide exemptions).
  - Completed **DS-160 Online Application confirmation page**.
  - 1 **Photograph** 5 cm x 5 cm
  - Receipt of MRV payment of the visa application (\$160 or the equivalent in your home currency)
  - **Form I-797** Receipt of SEVIS Fee
  - **I-20 Form** (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status)
  - Original Financial Statement
  - Any other evidence that can show a U.S. consular officer that you have a permanent residence abroad and sufficiently strong family, social or economic ties to your home country (a job, family, property), and that you intend to depart from the United States upon the completion of your program of study.