

## SEVIS I-901 Fee Instructions for F-1 Students

Effective September 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security implemented regulations requiring a SEVIS fee for students and scholars in the SEVIS system. **Effective June 24, 2019 the I-901 SEVIS fee is \$350 for all the students applying for F-1 visa.** For detailed information, please visit <http://www.ice.gov/sevis>.

### **FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE A VISA WILL BE ISSUED!!**

#### **Who Must Pay and When:**

##### ***1. New Applicants for Student Status (F-1)***

If you are applying for an F1 student visa for the first time ever, **pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee.** (New students may skip the immediate following paragraphs and go directly to the **How to Pay** section.)

##### ***2. Applicants Reapplying for Student Status (F-1) after a Denial of that Status***

If you have not previously paid the SEVIS I-901 fee, **pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

##### ***3. Do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee, if you already paid the SEVIS I-901 fee and are:***

Reapplying for a visa within twelve months of the date of initial denial

From a country for which an F-1 visa is not required and you are reapplying for status as a student at the POE within 12 months of the date of initial denial

Filing a motion to reopen a denied change of status application for a change of status to F-1

##### ***4. Continuing Students (F-1) in the United States***

If you are a continuing student, who has maintained status and has not completed your program of study, **do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

If you are a continuing student, who has maintained status and is transferring or changing program levels, **do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

If you are a student who has been out of status for less than five months, **do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

If you are a student who has been out of status for more than five months, **pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee before you file for reinstatement.**

##### ***5. Continuing Students (F-1) not in the United States***

If you are a continuing student who has been out of the United States for less than five months and maintained your status prior to leaving the United States,

If you are a continuing student who has been out of the United States for more than five months, maintained your status prior to leaving the United States, and have been participating in authorized study abroad, **do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

If you are a student who has been out of the United States for more than five months and have **not** participated in authorized study abroad, you are no longer considered a continuing student by DHS. You need a new initial Form I-20 from a school and you need to **pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

If you are a student who did not maintain status or you completed a previous program, you are no longer considered a continuing student by DHS. You need a new initial Form I-20 from a school and you need to **pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

## ***6. Spouse or Minor Children of Students***

If you are the spouse or minor child of a student, **do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee** unless you are applying to change status to F-1, M-1, or J-1.

### **How to Pay:**



## **Transferring a SEVIS I-901 payment from one SEVIS ID # to another:**

*What are the basic rules for applying a SEVIS I-901 fee payment from one SEVIS ID number to another?*

The basic rules for moving a SEVIS I-901 fee payment between SEVIS ID numbers are:

The SEVIS I-901 fee must be moved between SEVIS ID numbers **for the same individual**

An additional SEVIS I-901 fee is **not** required (For more information, see the website)

The SEVIS I-901 fee amount for the new school or program must be less than or equal to the SEVIS I-901 fee already paid

Only the student may request the move