

General Information

To request an I-20 or DS-2019 for your spouse or children to join you in the United States, please read this form carefully and follow the directions. An incomplete form or lack of supporting documentation will delay the processing of the paperwork. When ISSS receives all required documentation and information, your new I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) will be ready for pick up in 3–5 business days.

As the F-1 or J-1 status holder, you will also receive a new I-20 or DS-2109 reflecting updated dependent and financial information. Each of your dependents will receive his or her own I-20 or DS-2019, with his or her own SEVIS number in the upper right-hand corner of the form. As the F-1 or J-1 status holder, you will sign both forms.

Special Note: Family members planning to visit for a short period of time should consider entering the United States as a tourist rather than in F-2/J-2 status. Be advised, however, that it may be difficult to change the visa status from tourist to F-2/J-2 if the individual decides to remain in the United States on a long-term basis

Required Documentation:

1. Copy of the biographical page of your dependent's passport
2. Proof of financial support in the amount of \$5,000 a year for one dependent, \$7,500 for two dependents, and \$10,000 for three or more dependents.

Health Insurance

J-1 exchange visitors and their dependents are required to maintain health insurance through the duration of the program of study as mandated by the U.S. Department of State. It is highly recommended that F-2s maintain health insurance as well.

Applying for a Visa

Application for a nonimmigrant visa usually requires a personal appearance before a consular officer. The consular officer has the discretion to require whatever evidence is necessary to demonstrate that the applicant for a nonimmigrant visa is eligible for such a visa. To qualify for F-2 status, a spouse or unmarried minor (under age 21) child must establish to the satisfaction of the consular officer and the immigration officer at the port of entry that:

- He or she is the spouse (marriage license) or child (birth certificate) of the F-1 principal;
- He or she has sufficient funds to cover his/her expenses, or that other arrangements have been made to provide for such expenses once in the United States;
- He or she intends to leave the United States upon the completion or termination of the status of the principal F-1 student;
- If the dependents are following to join the student, "the F-1 student is, or will be within 30 days, enrolled in a full course of study or engaged in approved practical training following completion of studies."

In the interview, your dependent(s) must establish that they do not intend to immigrate to the United States and that they have a residence in a country outside the United States to which they will return. All applicants are presumed to have immigrant intent until the consular officer establishes that they qualify for nonimmigrant status. The burden of proof is on the applicant, therefore preparation is extremely important. The decision to issue or deny entry visas is made solely by the consular officer.

The following information is required before the issuance of an I-20 or DS-2019. ISSS current processing time is 3–5 business days. Incomplete or missing documentation will delay the process. You will be notified by email when the documents are available for pickup. If you are currently outside the U.S. and need the items mailed to you, visit our website for more information on using E-Ship Global.

Student Information *Please type or write clearly.*

Family Name _____ Given Name _____
 Check One: F-1 J-1 Program End Date on I-20/DS-2019 (mm/dd/yyyy): _____
 Florida Tech Student ID # _____ SEVIS ID # _____
 Email _____ Daytime Phone _____

Dependent Information

My dependents will (check one): Travel with me Join me in the United States at a later date Apply for a change of status

Spouse's Family Name _____ Given Name _____
 City and Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____
 Country of Legal Permanent Residence _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Gender: Male Female

Child's Family Name _____ Given Name _____
 City and Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____
 Country of Legal Permanent Residence _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Gender: Male Female

Child's Family Name _____ Given Name _____
 City and Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____
 Country of Legal Permanent Residence _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Gender: Male Female

Child's Family Name _____ Given Name _____
 City and Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____
 Country of Legal Permanent Residence _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Gender: Male Female

J-2 Medical Insurance Requirements:

Insurance is legally required for J-1 exchange visitors and their dependents for the duration of their stay in the U.S. F-2s are strongly encouraged to obtain health insurance as well.

I have read and understand the information and submitted the required documentation listed above.

Signature _____ Date _____