

Applying for an F-1 Student Visa

- With I-20 in hand schedule an Interview at the Local American Embassy, you may find the address to it in the link below:
<http://usembassy.state.gov/>
 - Application process may vary from embassy to embassy.
 - Refer to your local US Embassy to find out about the application process and fees.
- Make sure you know where you are planning to stay in the United States before the interview. (Look at the housing information on our website, but DO NOT make a reservation or make any housing payments until you have your Visa)
- Have all your financial information in hand.
- Have the supporting letters sent in the I-20 package with you.
- Dress neatly (the better you dress the better).
- Show confidence in yourself.
- Know how to answer the questions they will ask, for example:
 - Why do you want to study English in the United States?
 - Can't you study here in (country name)?
 - How long are you planning on being in the USA?
 - Where are you going to live? (be specific)
 - How are you going to support yourself there? (Note: You are NOT permitted to work in the United States, unless authorized by USCIS)
 - What are your plans after you learn English?
 - When are you planning to come back to your country?
- Demonstrate that you are planning on coming back to your native country, some examples are:
 - Plans on what you are going to do with the education received in the USA.
 - An employment contract that requires you to come back to work for a given company.
 - Family relations or properties that tie you to your country of origin.
- Know how to answer to these questions and others you know they ask. Practice them at least a couple of times before going to the Embassy to ensure confidence as you answer them.
- Make sure you have all the documentation needed and more, especially financial information.
- Smile.
- Be polite, even if turned down.