

# **SEVIS FEE REQUIREMENT**

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires F-1 and J-1 visa applicants to pay a one-time fee to supplement the costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). The fee for **F-1 applicants is \$200** and for **J-1 applicants is \$180**.

### Who pays the SEVIS fee?

Prospective students applying for an "initial status" F-1 or J-1 visa from outside the U.S. have to pay the SEVIS fee. Current students who have been issued a new initial I-20 or DS-2019 to resolve immigration issues must also pay the SEVIS fee for their new SEVIS number.

### When do I pay the SEVIS fee?

You must pay the fee <u>prior</u> to submitting your visa application. Returning students with a new initial I-20 must pay the fee prior to entering the United States.

## Can I pay the SEVIS fee at a consulate or port of entry?

NO. At this time, the SEVIS fee can only be processed by the Department of Homeland Security via mail or the internet.

### How do I pay this fee?

The fee can be paid to the DHS by mail or online and must be accompanied by a Form I-901.

#### To Pay On Line:

- 1. Complete Form I-901 online at www.FMJfee.com.
- 2. Choose the credit card or debit card payment option.
- 3. Print a copy of your receipt. Keep this confirmation page for your records.

## To Pay By Mail:

- 1. Go to www.FMJfee.com to complete the form on line.
- 2. Prepare a check or international money order drawn on a financial institution in the U.S. and payable in U.S. currency. The check needs to be made payable to "I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee".
- 3. Mail the completed I-901\* and payment to:

| By Mail                                       | By Courier (to expedite delivery to SEVP)                     |
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| I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee | I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee                 |
| PO Box 970020                                 | 1005 Convention Plaza   |
| St. Louis, MO 63197-0020                      | St. Louis, MO 63101   |
| USA   | United States   |
|   | Phone Number: 1-314-425-1809 (United States Country Code 011) |

<sup>\*</sup>If you complete the I-901 online, a payment coupon will be generated when you submit the form. Print out that coupon and mail it with your payment.

4. You will not receive a paper receipt, but you may go online to <a href="www.FMJfee.com">www.FMJfee.com</a> to print your confirmation of payment. Keep this confirmation page for your records.

### How can I show the consular officer that I have paid the SEVIS fee?

You will need to submit a copy of your fee receipt when you apply for the visa. A copy of your receipt is available at www.FMJfee.com.