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SEVIS FEE BASICS

Effective September 1, 2004 a fee, mandated by Congress, must be paid prior to VISA issuance. A \$200.00 non-refundable fee is required for all F, M, and \$180.00 for J-1 student exchange visitors. This fee can be paid through the Internet at www.FMJfee.com or by mail by submitting the completed form I-901 <http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/I-901.pdf> with a check or money order, drawn on a United States bank or payable in United States currency. All checks and money orders must be made payable to “I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee.” Students may also pay the I-901 fee by using the Western Union Quick Collect option in your home country. Please be sure to write the name of the student or exchange visitor with his/her SEVIS identification number on the check/money order.

This is an explanation of the following groups who must pay the \$200.00 fee:

- A student who is applying to obtain an F-1 Visa for the first time.
- An alien in the United States seeking a change of status for F-1, F-3 (International Student from Canada or Mexico), M-1 or M-3.
- An F-1, F-3 (International Student from Canada or Mexico), M-1, or M-3 status holder applying for reinstatement of student status or an F-1, M-1, or M-3 status holder who had been absent from the United States for a period exceeding five months.

This is an explanation for the following group that must pay the \$180.00 fee:

- A J-1 visa applicant applying for a J-1 visa.
- Exchange J-1 status visitor who is applying for a change of status from within the United States.
- A person who is applying to reinstate his/her J-1 status after being out of status for up to 120 days.

If you are mailing your I-901 fee, we have provided an application for your use.

Mail the [Form I-901](#) and payment to:

**I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
P.O. Box 970020
St. Louis, MO 63197-0200**

Or you can courier the Form I-901 and payment to:
Fee

**I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing
1500 Convention Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101**

For **F-1, F-2, M-1, and M-3 status only**, you will need to submit Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Status) in order to fill out the I-901 Form.

For **J-1 status only**, you will need to submit Form DS2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor J-1), which was issued to you by the designated exchange visitor program in which you will participate.

For a sample to help you fill out the form I-901 SEVIS fee effectively, please click [here](#).

The City University of New York, Hunter College School Code is **NYC214F00812008**. Your SEVIS identification number is located on the upper right hand corner of your I-20. It starts with the letter N followed by 10 digits.