

Steps for Acquiring F-1 Visa for International Students

1. Apply and be accepted to MINT.
2. Fill out the International Student Form and submit to MINT.
3. After processing the International Student Form, MINT will send you the I-20 form you need. Check the I-20 Form thoroughly and sign in blue ink.
4. Once you have received the I-20 Form, checked, and signed it in blue ink, then, you will need to:
 - a. Schedule an interview appointment at your nearest Consulate or Embassy. (Wait times for interviews vary by location, season, and visa category, so you should apply for your visa early.)
 - b. Fill out, pay, and print the receipt for the I-901 SEVIS Form (www.fmjfee.com). The fee for this form is \$400.00.
 - c. Take a passport style photo to upload onto the DS-160 Form.
 - d. Fill out, pay, and print the receipt for the Visa Application Form DS-160. (<https://ceac.state.gov/CEAC/>).
5. When you go to your interview, make sure that you take:
 - a. The printed receipt of I-901 Form.
 - b. The printed receipt of DS-160 Form.
 - c. Your Valid Passport.
 - d. The printed, signed I-20 Form (sent by MINT).
 - e. Papers and Bank Account Statements that demonstrate you have the amount needed to pay for your studies abroad.
 - f. You may be asked for papers or proof that you have every intention of returning to your home country following your training.
 - g. You may be asked for Transcripts and Diplomas of your past studies.

Every embassy and consulate are different in what they ask of you; be sure to check the requirements at your local embassy or consulate before arriving for your interview.

