

SEVIS Fee Requirement – F1 Students

How Much is the SEVIS Fee?

US\$350

Who Should Pay the SEVIS Fee?

- ◆ Prospective IEI F-1 students who are:
 - applying for an initial F-1 visa at a U.S. consulate
 - visa exempt and applying for entry to the U.S. in F-1 status at a Port of Entry (Canadians, Bermudians)
 - applying for a change of status to F-1 from another visa status
- ◆ Current F-1 students who:
 - have fallen out of status and are applying for reinstatement after more than 5 months
 - have been outside the U.S. for more than 5 months and are returning to resume a degree program or begin a new degree program

NOTE: F-2 dependents (children and spouses) do NOT pay the fee.

When Do I Pay the Fee?

- ◆ The fee must be paid **at least 3 U.S. government business days** before your visa interview
- ◆ The fee must also be paid before an application for change of status to F-1 or application for reinstatement to F-1 status is submitted to the Department of Homeland Security.
- ◆ You may set up the visa appointment before paying the fee.

How Do I Pay the Fee?

- ◆ The fee can be paid online. If you need an alternate method of making the SEVIS Fee payment, please contact us and we will give you instructions.
- ◆ A third party, such as a family member or friend, may also pay the fee for you.
- ◆ Online payment is recommended because you will be able to print a receipt immediately, which you can bring to your visa interview.

Online Payment:

- Go to **www.fmjfee.com** for the electronic I-901 SEVIS fee application

- Complete the form online and pay with a credit card (Visa, Mastercard or American Express) or debit card (with Visa or Mastercard logo). *Note: Your name should be written EXACTLY as it is on your I-20
- Print a copy of the online receipt
- Make extra copies of your receipt and keep the receipts in a safe place with your other immigration documents. You may need to provide proof of having paid the fee later on.

My Visa Application Was Denied – What Now?

- ◆ Your fee payment remains valid for 12 months, so you can re-apply for an F-1 visa within the 12-month period without paying a new fee. The fee is not refundable.

Does SEVIS Keep a Record of Fee Payment?

- ◆ Yes, an electronic record of your fee payment should be created in your SEVIS record, but it is **strongly** recommended that you also keep several paper copies of your receipt.

If you have additional questions, please visit the Immigration and Customs Enforcement website at <http://ice.gov/sevis/i901> or contact IEI admissions at iei@memphis.edu.