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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need an F-1 Visa?

A person who lives outside the United States and who comes to the United States temporarily for the main purpose of attending an academic institution or an English Language Institution, such as the International Language Institute, MD, must obtain an F-1 Visa. The International Language Institute, MD, is authorized, under Federal Law, to enroll students with F-1 Student Visas. The International Language Institute, however, does not require students to have student visas.

How can I obtain an F-1 Visa?

Send your application form and \$250 for the non-refundable registration fee and the I-901 SEVIS registration fee to the International Language Institute, MD:

Registration Fee	\$50.00
SEVIS Registration Fee	\$200.00 (effective Oct. 27, 2008)
Total Payment	\$250.00

Express Courier Delivery Fee for the I-20 **\$15.00-\$100.00**

(\$15-25.00 US; \$40 Caribbean, Mexico; \$50 Asia (excl. Mongolia), W. Europ.; \$60 South/Central America, Middle East; \$95.00 Eastern Europe, Mongolia; \$100 Africa)

The International Language Institute, MD does not require a tuition deposit.

While the International Language Institute, MD is processing your I-20 form, you can organize and prepare the documents that must be presented to the U.S. Consulate in your country to complete the F-1 Visa Application.

Take the I-20 Form, I-901 SEVIS payment confirmation and the Financial Support documentation outlined below, to the U.S. Consulate in your country to apply for an F-1 Visa.

Financial Support

You or your sponsor must show proof of financial support by supplying the American Consulate in your country the following documents in English:

- Notarized letter certifying that your sponsor will support you financially. (If your sponsor is currently residing in the U.S., he/she will need to fill out an official I-134 Affidavit of Support. The Affidavit of Support form can be downloaded at <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/I-134.pdf>)
- Statement from the sponsor's bank with the date the account was opened, present balance and date of the statement. The statement may not be older than 3 months.
- Other documents may be requested by the American Consulate in your country to support your visa application.

I-20 Processing Time

- New I-20 forms are usually processed within 1-3 business days.
- We send all completed I-20 forms by express courier. You must pay a non-refundable express courier delivery fee in advance. *\$15-25.00 US; \$40-100 internationally*

F-1 Visa Student Restrictions

- Students must enroll in the Intensive Program for a minimum of two months.
- Students must attend classes every day.
- Absences are allowed only for illness or other medical conditions.
- Students must keep their passport valid at all times.