University of Idaho
International Programs

Required I-901 SEVIS Fee
Fact Sheet for J Nonimmigrant Exchange Visitors

Since September 1, 2004 the Department of Homeland Security has collected a congressionally mandated fee to cover the costs for operation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). International students and exchange visitors are subject to this fee, which will be used to administer and maintain the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), support compliance activities, and establish SEVIS Liaison Officers. Liaison Officers will serve as local resources for schools and students, providing timely, accurate program and reporting information and assistance. SEVIS, the automated system for collecting, maintaining and managing information about foreign student and exchange visitors during their entry to, stay in, and exit from the United States, will be used to record and track the I-901 fee payment.

Who pays the SEVIS fee?
Those who wish to enter the U.S. as a student or exchange visitor with a DS-2019 dated on or after September 1, 2004.

How much is the fee?
For J-1 Exchange Visitors $180
For J-2 Dependants $0

Under what circumstances is the fee paid?
• Applicants who require a visa to enter the United States must have the SEVIS fee paid before going to the U.S. embassy or consulate for their visa interview.
• Applicants who are citizens of Canada, Bermuda, Bahamas and residents of certain other islands (see 8 CFR 212.1a) wishing to apply for J-1 status at a Port of Entry into the United States must pay and process the SEVIS fee before appearing at the Port of Entry.
• Non-immigrants currently in the United States who apply for student or exchange visitor status must pay the fee prior to filing their change of status application. The interviewing consular officer will confirm that the fee has been paid by accessing SEVIS.

When should the fee be paid?
At least three business days prior to the visa interview date to allow the fee payment to be deposited and recorded in SEVIS prior to the scheduled visa interview. It is highly recommended that you take the internet generated receipt with you to the visa interview to confirm payment.

How is the fee paid?
- Through the SEVIS website with a departmental credit card, go to www.FMJfee.com
- Click on "Proceed to I-901 Form and Payment"
- Using the information from the DS-2019, fill out the form, being sure that printer and connections are working.
- With a credit card, pay the fee and print the receipt. This printed receipt must be in the hands of the candidate, along with the DS-2019, for their embassy interview. USCIS will send another receipt for your files by mail.

Questions?
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