

How to apply USA-Study-Visa (F1) - Flowchart: -

Post I-20 / Part-2 / F1 Visa process: -

- 1- **After Receiving Form I-20: Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee (USD\$ 350)** at <https://www.fmjfee.com>. The amount is non-refundable and is paid by credit card with international payment facility enabled. You must have billing address of the credit card and email ID of card holder available with you.
- 2- **Apply for the F-1 student visa (Fill and submit DS-160 form)** at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> . **Make sure you have some details and documents ready before you** such as your passport and I 20 form, and details such as your parents' names, DOB and address, your sponsor details like name, email id, address and phone number, and details of your 2 points of contacts in India like your friends/colleagues/neighbours etc, their name, address, relationship with you, phone number and email ID. These details will help you to fill your DS – 160 form in one-go, and don't forget to review your DS form before you finally submit it.
- 3- **Pay the visa fee, USD\$ 185 and make an appointment with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the student's home country.** <https://www.ustraveldocs.com/in/en/step-2>. The visa fees, USD\$ 185, is non-refundable and can be paid by UPI, Credit/Debit Card or over the counter at Citi Bank. The MRV fee payment gets processed within 24 hours from the time payment was made . You will receive an email notification with a PDF attachment acknowledging the payment made for your application. Please keep this email safely with you. Once payment is confirmed, you can schedule an appointment, first OFC appointment, that is for biometrics, and then schedule Consular appointment for second/another day. **Note:** - Try searching for appointment either late hours or early morning hours as we usually crack it during this time. Same applies when you pay online your USD\$ 185 MRV fee.
- 4- **Be prepared to present the following at the visa interview :**
 - a- Form I-20
 - b- Receipt of SEVIS I-901 fee payment
 - c- Form DS-160 confirmation letter.
 - d- Visa fee receipt
 - e- Acceptance/offer letter
 - f- All academic transcripts/marksheets/certificates, & employment proofs (if any)
 - g- Proof of English proficiency like TOEFL / IELTS / PTE/ DET etc.
 - h- Affidavit of support from sponsor.
 - i- Financial evidence/statements/certificates.
 - j- Any other recommended financial documents like income proofs such as tax returns of sponsors. Also, you can make a net worth certificate - CA Report.
 - k- Receipt of any advance tuition payment
 - l- Any Additional documents may be required and/or recommended to demonstrate financial stability and commitment to the student 's education in USA.