

Fact Sheet: Regarding Form I-901 SEVIS

SEVIS Fee for F & J Non-immigrant Students & Exchange Visitors

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Directions: Please read through the information below explaining how to pay the SEVIS fee. This fee must be paid in advance of your application at the US Consulate for the F or J Visa.

Who pays the fee?

- Those who apply to enter the United States either as an F or J visa status student or exchange visitor with a Form I-20 or DS-2019 dated on or after September 1, 2004.

How much is the fee?

- For students and/or scholars on the F-1 or J-1 visa, it is \$100. (Fee increasing to \$200 starting October 27, 2009).

Methods of Payment

- **METHOD ONE:** Electronically, by completing Form I-901 through the Internet (www.FMJfee.com) using a credit card. Be sure to pay at least three business days before the scheduled visa interview. This will allow time for the fee payment to be confirmed in SEVIS. Print out a payment confirmation and submit a copy with your visa application.
- OR -
- **METHOD TWO:** Through the mail, by submitting Form I-901, together with a check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. currency. ***Note that this is considerably slower than the electronic alternative above***
- OR -
- **METHOD THREE:** Western Union Quick PayT Service where available. If you use this method, retain your receipt and attach a copy to your visa application.

When must the fee be paid?

- A minimum of three business days prior to the visa interview date for electronic fee submissions. (Method One)
- A minimum of ten business days before the scheduled visa interview (if you submit the fee by mail) to allow for delivery at the DHS address listed on the Form I-901. This time frame allows the fee payment to be deposited and recorded in SEVIS. (Method Two)
- DHS will issue an official paper receipt (I-797) acknowledging every payment regardless of payment method. ***This receipt (Form I-797) will be the most acceptable proof you can use to show the US Consulate that you have paid the SEVIS Fee.***
- *Anyone who submits an individual fee electronically will be able to print out an electronic receipt immediately at the time of payment for use in advance of the mail delivery of the official paper (Form I-797) receipt.*

For more information and alternative methods of payment, please review the two web pages identified below:

<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>

<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm>