



Application Requirements For The Student Visa (F-1)

CONDITIONS:

- *F-1 non-immigrant status students can ONLY study in the Intensive Programs.*
- *We recommend that you contact LADO to register at least three months before you plan to come to LADO. This will allow enough time for the I-20 to be issued, sent, and submitted with the other documents to the U.S. Consulate.*

1.-Registration and Payment

The student must be registered at LADO International Institute. This can be done by applying online at www.mylado.com and making the following payments:

- \$1500 initial deposit -The initial deposit will cover the first few months of classes.
- \$100 registration fee ***Non-Refundable***

2.- Provide Documents

Student Documents:

1. The student must provide a copy of a valid passport. The passport must be valid for at least six months after the student's period of stay in the United States.

*If you have a dependent (wife, husband, unmarried child under the age of 21) coming with you, please contact our LADO Admissions Officer for further instructions.

Proof of financial support:

1. **Bank letter or Bank Statement** from you if you are sponsoring yourself or from your sponsor. Letter must be translated into English, indicating the present balance in US dollars.
2. **I-134 Form or Notarized Financial Support Letter.**
 - A. The sponsor must complete the **Form I-134 (Affidavit of Support)** if he/she is a U.S. citizen or Permanent/Temporary Resident. The form can be provided by LADO or it can be found at <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-134.pdf> .
 - B. The sponsor must provide a **Notarized Financial Support Letter** if he/she is not a U.S. citizen or Permanent/Temporary Resident. Letter must be translated into English that states that he/she will support the student financially.

*Extra proof of financial support can be provided such as Employment Letter, proof of personal property, real estate value, etc. (OPTIONAL)

The student should upload the completed documents into the student file or send them via email to the admissions officer.

3.- Document Revision and I-20 Issuance

LADO will review your documents and then create and print the I-20 form "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status."



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If the student wishes to have documents sent by UPS, \$100 or \$150 (the cost of shipping and handling may vary depending on the country) the shipping cost will be deducted from the initial deposit. Please contact LADO admissions officers for any questions.

4.- Pay the SEVIS fee

Upon receipt of the I-20 form the student must also complete the I-901 form and pay the \$350.00 SEVIS fee. This payment can be made online with a credit card, check, money order, or at an authorized Western Union agency:

- For payments online please go to: <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp>
- For payments by Western Union, please go to: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/wu_instr.htm

If you have any difficulties paying the I-901 form fee, please contact LADO Admissions Officers.

5.- Schedule Interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate

There are several steps to apply for a visa. The order of these steps and how you complete them may vary at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where you apply. Please consult the instructions available on the embassy or consulate website where you intend to apply. The applicant will present documents to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in his/her country of origin. The student should verify with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate whether there are any special requirements for citizens of that specific country.

The student must present the following documents to the U.S. Consulate in his/her country:

- a. Passport
- b. Signed I-20 form "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status"
- c. I-901 Proof of Payment
- d. Proof of financial support documentation.
- e. **Any documents that support the argument that the prospective student intends to return to his/her home country at the end of his/her studies and is not intending to remain in the United States. Consular officials often presume that the applicant is actually using the I-20 form as a means of immigrating to the United States.**

DISCLAIMER: The U.S. Consulate has the sole authority to accept or reject the student visa application.

REFUNDS:

If the visa application is rejected, LADO will refund the entire initial deposit of \$1500.00. Please see Application/ Enrollment Agreement for more information. Mailing fees and/or bank fees will be deducted from the student's refund.