

I-901 SEVIS Fee Information

WHAT IS THE SEVIS FEE?

Prior to applying for your student visa, you must pay a SEVIS fee to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The SEVIS fee is \$200 for F-1 students and \$180 for J-1 students. The SEVIS Fee can be paid by credit card online, by check, or by money order. Please read these instructions thoroughly before attempting to pay the fee. There are special instructions for students from Bermuda and Canada.

HOW CAN I PAY THE SEVIS FEE?

Option #1: Payment by Credit Card

DHS has set up a website to accept electronic submission of Form I-901 and payment of the SEVIS fee using a credit card. Go to www.fmjfee.com. ***We strongly recommend that you use this option if possible.*** Follow the instructions on the website and print out the payment screen to verify your payment. Take the payment verification printout with you to your visa interview. Students from the following countries are not able to use the credit card option and must use option #2 or #3 below: Cameroon; Ghana; Kenya; Nigeria; Gambia.

Option #2: Payment by Western Union

This option allows Western Union, in local currency, to collect the SEVIS Fee. This option is only available in countries where Western Union offers its "Quick Pay" service. A properly completed Western Union receipt serves as immediate proof of payment for the visa interview. You must request a "Blue Form" by clicking on "Payment Services" or "Quick Pay". More instructions for paying using this option can be found on the SEVIS website at: www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/wu_instr.htm.

To find the nearest Western Union agent location, go to: www.payment-solutions.com/agent.asp.

Option # 3: Payment by Check or Money Order

When paying by check or money order there are two options:

- a. **Internet-generated coupon.** Students can go to the fee payment website (www.fmjfee.com), enter basic information, print out a coupon, and then mail a check or money order with the coupon to a lockbox address in Missouri. Once the information and fee are processed, SEVIS would then be updated with the fee payment information.
- b. **Paper option.** Students can download or otherwise obtain Form I-901, fill it in, and mail it, with a check or money order, to the specified address in Missouri. Once the information and fee are processed, SEVIS would then be updated with the fee payment information.

In both cases, a receipt notice will be issued when the fee is processed. The mailing addresses for paying by check or money order using the coupon or the paper Form I-901 are:

P.O. Box Address:

I-901 Student/ Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
P.O. Box 970020
St. Louis, MO 63197-0020

Street Address for Courier/ Express Delivery:

I-901 Student/ Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
1005 Convention Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101

Check Specifics:

All checks and money orders must be:

- Payable to the “**I-901 Student/ Exchange Visitor Processing Fee**”
- The check or money order must be in U.S. dollars and drawn on a bank located in the United States.

Payment of the SEVIS fee is not limited to you, the student. DHS will accept fee payment from a third party individual or institution, either in the United States or abroad, using either option one or two above.

COMPLETING FORM I-901

- a. You must have an I-20 or DS-2019 in order to complete the I-901.
- b. You must have Marshall University’s School Code.

If you are an F-1 Student, you will use one of the following school codes, depending on which is listed on your I-20:

- PHI214F10259000 – Marshall University
- PHI214F10259001 – Marshall University Graduate College

If you are a J-1 student, you will use the following School Code as listed on your DS-2019:

- P-I-01967

STUDENTS FROM CANADA OR BERMUDA

Students from Canada and Bermuda are exempt from having to apply for a visa. You will have to provide SEVIS fee payment verification along with your I-20 or DS-2019 to an immigration inspector at the port of entry when applying for entry into the United States as an F-1 or J-1 student.

IF YOUR VISA IS DENIED

If your visa is denied, you may reapply for the visa within a 12-month period without having to pay the SEVIS fee again. If your visa is denied, please email us as soon as possible at iss@marshall.edu.

DEPENDENTS

If you have obtained an I-20 or DS-2019 for a spouse or child, they do not have to pay a SEVIS fee in order to apply for an F-2 or J-2 visa.

IF ADMITTED TO MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL

If you have been accepted to more than one institution and paid the fee using the SEVIS ID or another institution but you wish to attend Marshall University, you will not have to pay the fee again. Bring the I-20s of both the schools to the consulate or port-of-entry and tell the officer you wish to attend Marshall University.

For additional details on SEVIS and the SEVIS fee, access the following websites:

- www.ice.gov/sevis
- <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/paying-the-i-901-sevis-fee>