



SEVIS I-901 FEE INFORMATION SHEET

WHO HAS TO PAY THE SEVIS I-901 FEE

- You must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee if you are seeking *an initial F-1 or J-1 visa* from an embassy or consulate abroad for initial attendance or initial participation in an exchange visitor program.
- You must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee if *you have previously been enrolled at a U.S. school*, but you are no longer enrolled and you have been outside the United States for more than five months, *even if you have an unexpired F-1 visa in your passport*.
- You must pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee even if you are a *Canadian citizen*, and are therefore exempt from the U.S. visa requirement, before you can enter the United States.
- You must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee if you are already in the United States prior to submitting a *change of non-immigrant status application to F-1 or J-1*.

SEVIS I-901 FEE RULES

- The SEVIS I-901 fee must be processed *at least three business days* before the visa interview, unless you have a printed receipt from an Internet payment.
- The SEVIS I-901 fee *cannot* be paid at the embassy or consulate, or at the U.S. Border.
- *A visa will not be issued unless the visa officer can verify that the SEVIS I-901 fee payment has been made.* However, you may schedule your visa interview prior to paying the SEVIS fee.

The SEVIS I-901 fee is not refundable. If your visa application is denied, and you decide to re-apply for the same type of visa at a later date, you will not be asked to make a second SEVIS fee payment as long as your visa application is made within 12 months of the initial denial.

HOW TO PAY THE SEVIS I-901 FEE

As of March 2011, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal SEVIS I-901 Fee is \$200 for F-1 and M-1 students and \$180 for J-1 students. Currently, there are three payment methods:

- Payment in U.S. dollars by credit card over the Internet
- Payment in any country's currency through an agent of Western Union "Quick Pay." There are agents in more than 130 countries world-wide

- Payment in U.S. dollars by check, money order or bank draft, drawn on a U.S. bank, and mailed to an address in the United States.

PROCEDURE FOR PAYING THE SEVIS I-901 FEE

1. Obtain form I-20 or DS-2019 from Randolph-Macon College
2. Access form I-901 on the internet at <http://www.fmjfee.com>
3. Complete form I-901, answering all questions (you must have an I-20 or DS-2019 from Randolph-Macon College in order to complete form I-901). Be sure that you enter your personal information *exactly* as it appears on the I-20 or DS-2019.
4. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee according to one of the methods described on the reverse side of this page.

Note: To complete form I-901, you must enter the Randolph-Macon College School Code of WAS214F00271000 if you have been sent an I-20, OR the ISEP Program Number if you have been sent a DS-2019. You must also enter your SEVIS ID number, which is printed at the top right of the I-20 or DS-2019, above the bar code. It starts with the letter “N.”