

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA



U.S. Embassy Singapore

## I-20 or DS-2019?\*

I-20 is for F or M visa,  
whereas DS-2019 is  
for J visa

### APPLY UP TO 120 DAYS IN ADVANCE

We are only able to print your student visa 120 days before your program start date. Please do not apply before 120 days.

Apply online at [ustraveldocs.com/sg](http://ustraveldocs.com/sg).

### DON'T APPLY TOO LATE

You must enter the U.S. no later than the start date on your I-20 or DS-2019. Student visa interview appointments are usually available within a few days. However, we usually take five business days to print your visa and return it to you.

We do not offer expedited visa processing.

### SEVIS

Pay your SEVIS fee at [fmjfee.com](http://fmjfee.com) at least three days in advance of your interview. Please bring a hard copy of your SEVIS receipt to the visa interview.

### ITEMS TO BRING FOR THE VISA INTERVIEW

- YOUR PASSPORT
- \*I-20 or DS-2019: This form is generated by your university; we cannot amend the form. Contact your university to correct mistakes or to issue a new form if needed.
- DS-160 FORM: Provided to you as part of your online visa application.
- SEVIS RECEIPT: Please bring a hard copy of your SEVIS receipt to the visa interview.
- TRANSCRIPTS: Bring transcripts from your most recent academic year to answer questions about your qualifications.
- ENGLISH FLUENCY: You must be able to answer questions in fluent English or provide English-language test scores.
- FINANCIALS: Bring financial documents in order to answer questions about your ability to fund your education. This includes information about scholarships and up to six months of bank statements.
- A RECENT PHOTO: Provide a photo taken within the last six months. Photos may be taken at the Embassy for SGD\$10.

Photo specifications can be found at [ustraveldocs.com/sg/sg-niv-photoinfo.asp](http://ustraveldocs.com/sg/sg-niv-photoinfo.asp)



## CHECK DOCUMENTS FOR ERRORS

Carefully check your I-20 or DS-2019, SEVIS, and passport to be sure the data is correct.

Common mistakes include:

- name order wrong (should match passport)
- date of birth wrong (month and date are reversed)
- country of birth or nationality wrong
- the program start date is wrong, or the date is too early for you to reasonably arrive in time

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

- [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov)
- [educationusa.state.gov](https://educationusa.state.gov)
- [ustraveldocs.com/sg](https://ustraveldocs.com/sg)
- [sg.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/](https://sg.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/)
- [sg.usembassy.gov/education-culture/study-usa/educationusa/](https://sg.usembassy.gov/education-culture/study-usa/educationusa/)
- E-mail: [support-singapore@ustraveldocs.com](mailto:support-singapore@ustraveldocs.com)

## TRAVELING TO THE U.S.

You can arrive in the United States up to 30 days before the start date listed on your I-20 or DS-2019.

**Enter the United States ONLY within 30 days of the start date on your I-20 or DS-2019.**