

Questionnaire regarding SEVIS fee payment

The U.S. Embassy Tokyo, Visa Unit is responsible for issuing visas to qualified applicants. We are committed to delivering the best possible service to our customers. You are asked to complete this survey because you were unprepared to pay the SEVIS fee at the expected time, and that we are gathering this information to improve the clarity of the website. Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous questionnaire.

Please check or fill in the following applicable items:

Q1: Why did you not complete the SEVIS fee payment in advance of your visa application appointment? Select multiple options if applicable.

- ☐ I did not understand that the SEVIS fee is a separate and distinct payment from the visa processing application fee.
- ☐ I did not know that I had to pay any fee in advance of my visa application appointment.
- ☐ I thought I had successfully paid the fee.
- ☐ I thought a third party (such as an agency or program sponsor) was going to pay the fee.
- ☐ I forgot to pay.
- ☐ I could not afford to pay.
- ☐ I did not have a means by which to pay.
- ☐ I did not know how to pay.
- ☐ Other _____

Q2: What sources did you use in determining the necessary documents for this visa application? Select multiple options if applicable.

- ☐ Embassy homepage (refer to flip side #1)
- ☐ US visa application page (refer to flip side #2)
- ☐ Embassy Twitter
- ☐ Interview appointment confirmation form
- ☐ Other: unofficial source such as word of mouth (please specify)

Q3: Was the website description of the SEVIS fee requirements easy to understand?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered "No" to question 3, please briefly describe the reason(s) below:

Thank you for your cooperation. Please submit this questionnaire at Window #1.

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The information on this site is applicable to visa applications made at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and U.S. Consulates in Osaka and Naha.

For Sapporo and Fukuoka procedures, [see here](#).

Checklist:

Please prepare for ALL necessary documents listed on the checklist for your visa application. English translations must be attached to all documents in a foreign language.

DS-160 Confirmation Page: Complete the form ONLINE, and PRINT the confirmation page.

Note:

- You cannot reuse the DS-160 from a previous application
- If you apply with your family, make sure to complete a separate online application form DS-160 for each family member.

Example:

DS-160 for child

DS-160 for Father

DS-160 for mother

DS-160 for sibling

Translation

日本語

Does your photo meet the visa photo requirements?

This quick reference (PDF 240KB) summarizes the checkpoints of the visa photo requirements. Please note that visa processing will be delayed if your photo does not meet all the requirements.

Order of The Documents

Please make sure documents are placed in the specified order (PDF). If you fail to put your documents in the specified order or have incomplete forms, your entrance to the Visa Section will be delayed.

Student Visa (F/M) or Exchange Visitor Visa (J):

☐	Original Form I-20 or DS-2019: Applicants must sign and date the form.
☐	DS-7002: J1 applicants under “trainee” or “intern” categories will be required to submit a fully completed and signed Form DS-7002 from the program sponsor
☐	SEVIS fee receipt: Student and Exchange Visitor visa (F/M/J) applicants are also required to pay a SEVIS fee which is a separate fee from the visa application fee. There are exemptions for certain J visa applicants and continuing students who are not required to pay the fee, for detailed information, please see here . To pay a SEVIS fee, please visit https://www.fmjfee.com/ .
☐	Financial documents such as a bank book, a bank statement, a letter from sponsor

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Overview

In some cases, additional visa fees are paid directly to the National Visa Center, to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate, or to the Department of Homeland Security.

Nonimmigrant Visa Issuance ("Reciprocity") Fees

Applicants from certain countries may be required to pay a visa issuance fee after their application is approved. These fees are based on "reciprocity" (what another country charges a U.S. citizen for a similar-type of visa). The United States strives to eliminate visa issuance fees whenever possible, however, when a foreign government imposes these fees on U.S. citizens for certain types of visas, the United States will impose a "reciprocal" fee on citizens of that country for similar types of visas. The Department of State's website has more information about visa issuance fees and can help you determine if an issuance fee applies to your nationality.

SEVIS Fees

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is an Internet-based system that tracks F, M and J visa participants (and their family members) from the time they receive their initial documentation (either a Form I-20 or Form DS-2019) until they graduate/leave school or conclude/leave program.

F, M and J visa principal applicants should check with the U.S. school to make sure your information has been entered into SEVIS. You must pay a separate SEVIS fee in addition to the visa application fee. For nonimmigrant students with Form I-20, the SEVIS fee is US\$200. For most exchange visitors with Form DS-2019, the SEVIS fee is US\$180. Proof of payment is required before your student or exchange visitor visa will be issued. Please bring your I-901 SEVIS fee receipt to your interview at the Embassy or Consulate. Payment cannot be made at the Embassy or Consulate. Instructions for paying the SEVIS fee can be found [here](#).

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