

## 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)  
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**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:

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

## (1) Embassy homepage

The screenshot shows the U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Japan website. The main heading is "Required Documents Checklist - Tokyo/Osaka/Naha". Below the heading, there is a navigation menu with options like "Visas", "U.S. Citizen Services", "Our Relationship", "Business", "Education & Culture", "Embassy & Consulates", and "News & Events". The main content area includes a "Translation" section with a link to a Japanese translation, a "Does your photo meet the visa photo requirements?" section with a link to a quick reference PDF, and an "Order of The Documents" section with instructions on document placement. A "Checklist:" section provides instructions for the DS-160 Confirmation Page, including a note that applicants cannot reuse the DS-160 from a previous application and must complete a separate one for each family member. An example diagram shows a family of four (mother, father, child, and another child) each holding a DS-160 form.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Original Form I-20 or DS-2019:</b> Applicants must sign and date the form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DS-7002:</b> J1 applicants under "trainee" or "intern" categories will be required to submit a fully completed and signed Form DS-7002 from the program sponsor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SEVIS fee receipt:</b> 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 <a href="https://www.fmjfee.com/">here</a> . To pay a SEVIS fee, please visit <a href="https://www.fmjfee.com/">https://www.fmjfee.com/</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial documents</b> such as a bank book, a bank statement, a letter from sponsor

## (2) US visa application page

The screenshot shows the "APPLY FOR A U.S. VISA" page on the U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Japan website. The page has a blue header with the text "APPLY FOR A U.S. VISA" and "in Japan". Below the header is a navigation menu with options like "Home", "Login", "Contact Us", and "FAQ". The main content area is titled "Other Fees" and includes a "Nonimmigrant Visa Issuance ('Reciprocity') Fees" section. This section explains that applicants from certain countries may be required to pay a visa issuance fee after their application is approved. It also includes a "SEVIS Fees" section, which explains that 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. The SEVIS fee is US\$180 for most exchange visitors with Form DS-2019, and US\$200 for nonimmigrant students with Form I-20. Proof of payment is required before the student or exchange visitor visa will be issued.

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