

U.S. Student Visa Application Checklist

Welcome to the Visa Checklist

This checklist is designed to help you successfully apply for a U.S. student visa. It includes the necessary documents, timelines, and tips for acing your interview. Always verify requirements with your embassy or school as they can vary by country.

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Step 1: Collect These Documents

- Passport (valid at least 6 months beyond your intended stay)
- Form I-20 (issued by your school)
- DS-160 confirmation page
- SEVIS fee payment receipt
- Visa application fee receipt
- Recent passport-size photograph
- Proof of financial support
- Academic transcripts and test scores

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Step 2: Complete the Application Process

1. Receive your Form I-20 from your SEVP-approved school.
2. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee online.
3. Complete the DS-160 form and print the confirmation page.
4. Schedule and attend your visa interview at the U.S. embassy.
5. Provide biometric data if required.

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Step 3: Prepare for Your Visa Interview

- Dress professionally and arrive early.
- Bring all required documents in a folder.
- Be honest and clear in your answers.
- Emphasize your intent to return home after your studies.
- Practice answering common questions like:
 - Why do you want to study in the U.S.?
 - What will you study?
 - Who is paying for your education?

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Final Reminders

- ☐ Double-check document expiration dates
- ☐ Print multiple copies of your documents
- ☐ Monitor your visa status after the interview
- ☐ Prepare for your arrival and orientation

Safe travels, and good luck on your journey!