

I-901 SEVIS Fee **Information Sheet for Prospective International Students**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is now collecting a fee from international students to cover the costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP).

The payment of I-901 fees will be recorded and tracked in SEVIS, the automated system for managing information about nonimmigrant student and exchange visitors in the U.S.

Who pays the fee?

Those who wish to enter the United States either as a student or an exchange visitor with a Form I-20 or DS-2019 dated **on or after September 1, 2004**. *Spouses and dependent children (F-2) of students or exchange visitors (J-2) do NOT pay this fee.*

This fee *can* be paid by a third party such as the student's relative or sponsor.

How much is the fee? \$200 USD for F-1 students.

How is the fee paid?

- Through the Internet at **www.FMJfee.com** by using a credit card and completing the online Form I-901 (print and retain online receipt to take with you to your visa interview); or
- Through the mail by submitting a completed Form I-901 and a check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. currency to:

I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
P.O. Box 970020
St. Louis, MO 63197-0200
United States

The receipt will be sent to the address listed on the Form I-901 and should be brought to your visa interview. To confirm receipt of payment by mail, email schoolcert.SEVIS@dhs.gov or call +(202) 305-2346.

For urgent questions or problems (for example, making a mistake on the form), call the I-901 Help Desk at +(785) 330-1048.

If a refund is needed due to making a mistake, please contact the ELI for more information: eli@howardcc.edu or by phone +(410) 772-4740.

When do prospective students pay the SEVIS fee?

Applicants who require a visa to enter the United States must pay the SEVIS fee before going to the U.S. embassy or consulate for their visa interviews.

The interviewing consular officer will confirm that the fee has been paid by accessing SEVIS. To allow for adequate processing time the fee must be paid:

- At least three business days prior to the visa interview date for electronic submissions.
- For regular mail submissions, 15 business days should be allowed before the scheduled visa interview.

Non-immigrants currently in the United States who apply for student status must pay the fee before filing their change of status application.

For more information, please visit the US Embassy or Consulate website for your home country.