

SEVIS FEE BASICS

Effective September 1, 2004 a fee, mandated by Congress, must be paid prior to VISA issuance. A \$100.00 non-refundable fee is required for all F, M, and most J student exchange visitors. This fee can be paid through the Internet at www.FMJfee.com or mail by submitting the completed form I-901 <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm> with a check or money order, drawn on a United States bank or payable in United States currency. All checks and money orders must be made payable to "I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee." Students may also pay the I-901 fee by using the Western Union Quick Collect option in your home country. Please be sure to write the name of the student or exchange visitor with his/her SEVIS identification number on the check/money order.

This is an explanation of the following groups who must pay the \$100.00 fee:

- A student who is applying to obtain an F-1 VISA for the first time.
- An alien in the United States seeking a change of status for F-1, F-3 (International Student from Canada or Mexico), M-1 or M-3.
- A student or exchange J-1 status visitor who is applying for a change of status from within the United States.
- A person who is applying to reinstate his/her J-1 status after being out of status for up to 120 days.
- An F-1, F-3 (International Student from Canada or Mexico), M-1, or M-3 status holder applying for reinstatement of student status or an F-1, M-1, or M-3 status holder who had been absent from the United States for a period exceeding five months.

If you are mailing your I-901 fee, we have provided an application for your use.

Mail the Form I-901 and payment to:

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

Or you can courier the Form I-901 and payment to

**I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
1500 Convention Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101**

For F-1, F-2, M-1, and M-3 status only, you will need to submit Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Status) in order to fill out the I-901 Form.

For J-1 status only, you will need to submit Form DS2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor J-1), which was issued to you by the designated exchange visitor program in which you will participate.

The City University of New York, Hunter College School Code is **NYC214F00812008**.
Your SEVIS identification number is located on the upper right hand corner of your I-20. It starts with the letter N followed by 10 digits.

SEVIS Notice- June 30, 2006

Effective June 30, 2006, the toll-free telephone number for international I-901 SEVIS fee customers will be (212)620-3418. Customers will no longer be able to use the previous toll-free number after that date.

References to the I-901 international telephone number that appear in current SEVP documents will be updated on the web by June 30, 2006, to reflect the new telephone number.

International Students and Exchange Visitors may call the toll-free number for all questions regarding the I-901 SEVIS fee that cannot be answered after viewing the information available at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>.

Please note that the toll-free number is for international callers only and is available during the following business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am until 8:00pm Eastern Standard Time.

Thank you.

Student and Exchange Visitor Program