



USA STUDENT VISA CHECKLIST (F1)

1. Acceptance and Documentation from U.S. School

- **Acceptance Letter:** Ensure you have received an acceptance letter from a SEVP-approved U.S. institution.
- **Form I-20:** Obtain the Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status) from the U.S. institution.

2. Passport

- **Valid Passport:** Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the U.S.

3. Visa Application Forms and Fees

- **DS-160 Form:** Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160) form.
- **Application Fee Payment:** Pay the visa application fee and keep the receipt.
- **SEVIS Fee:** Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee and keep the receipt.

4. Photos

- **Photograph:** Upload a recent passport-sized photograph as per U.S. visa photo requirements when completing the DS-160 form.

5. Schedule and Attend Visa Interview

- **Appointment Confirmation:** Schedule and print the visa interview appointment confirmation.
- **Visa Interview:** Attend the visa interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

6. Financial Documents

- **Proof of Funds:** Provide evidence of sufficient funds to cover tuition, living expenses, and other costs. This can include:
 - Bank statements
 - Affidavit of support
 - Scholarship or assistantship letters
 - Loan approval letters

7. Academic Documents

- **Transcripts and Certificates:** Include transcripts, diplomas, degrees, or certificates from the institutions you have attended.
- **Standardized Test Scores:** Provide scores from standardized tests like TOEFL, IELTS, GRE, GMAT, etc., if applicable.

8. Additional Supporting Documents

- **Intent to Return:** Demonstrate ties to your home country, such as family, property, or a job offer, to show your intent to return after completing your studies.
- **CV/Resume:** A detailed CV or resume may be required.

9. Health Insurance

- **Health Insurance:** While not required for the visa application, many institutions require proof of health insurance upon arrival.

Visa Interview Preparation

- **Prepare for Questions:** Be ready to answer questions about your choice of school, program of study, plans after graduation, and ties to India.
- **Bring Originals and Copies:** Bring original documents and photocopies to the interview.

Post-Visa Approval

- **Travel Arrangements:** Arrange for travel to the U.S. once the visa is approved.
- **Housing and Accommodation:** Confirm your accommodation in the U.S.
- **Orientation Programs:** Attend any pre-departure orientations provided by your institution.

Make sure to check the latest requirements and guidelines on the official U.S. Embassy or Consulate website in India as they may have updates or specific requirements.