

SCHOOL OF REVIVAL

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Steps to Obtaining your F1 Visa

F1 Visa Requirements

International students are eligible to attend the School of Revival on the F1 Student Visa. We are accountable to the US Government to obtain certain information for you before we can send you an I-20 form, which allows you to apply for your visa.

We need the following information:

1. Proof of Funds: A bank statement from you showing that you have enough money to pay tuition and living expenses for one full year. (Approximately \$11,000 including tuition, outreach, housing and food.)
2. Proof of Residence: A United States address where you will be living while you are here in Raleigh. If you are choosing to stay at Bridgeport Apartments (as recommended), we will use their address.

Visa Processing Fee / Mailed I-20 Form

Pay the \$100 Visa Processing Fee on our website via PayPal. This allows us to process and ship your I-20 form to you via UPS.

Visa Forms, Fees and Interview

1. After you receive your I-20 form, you must visit <https://www.fmjfee.com> in order to pay your I-901 fee. Paying this fee then allows you to apply for your F1 Visa. Print off your receipt for this transaction.
2. Fill out the DS-160 form at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>. Once you have completed the form, submit it online and print out a copy to take to your interview.
3. Contact your local US Embassy for an appointment/interview. You will need your I-901 fee on hand to give information to the government official on the phone.
4. Items to take with you to your Visa appointment:
 - Passport
 - I-20 form
 - Proof of funds
 - DS-160 form
 - I-901 receipt

Please Note:

- Take all original documents, and not copies.
- You are not allowed to take any electronic devices into the US Embassy, including your cell phone.
- Arrive early to your appointment!

For more information on this process visit:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/study-exchange/student.html>

Arrival Information

Once you have received your F1 Visa, paid your \$200 tuition deposit, and booked your flight to Raleigh, please send us your arrival information (flight details/times). Students on the F1 Visa are legally not allowed to enter the United States earlier than 30 days prior to the start of the semester. In order for us to arrange picking you up from the airport, we ask that you plan to arrive **no earlier than 7 days prior to the start of the semester**. If you choose to arrive earlier than that, **we cannot guarantee transportation from the airport** and you will be responsible for your own transport to your new home.

I-94 Form

Once you arrive in the United States, you will need to fill out an I-94 form at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html>. This is important information that you will need to keep with your other official visa documents. It is also crucial if you wish to obtain a driver's license or legal identification card. It does not cost any money.