

Apply for Initial F-1 Checklist & Procedures



STEP 1: Apply for Admission to BEI and Obtain a Form I-20

Personal Information:

- Passport Photo Page copy (primary applicant and dependents)

Financial Support:

Funding is determined by tuition, cost of living, miscellaneous costs, and dependents (if applicable).

Who is sponsoring your studies?

Your Own Funds:

- Bank Statements with three months of transaction history

Funds from a Sponsor (Parent, Relative, Friend):

- Bank Statements with 3 months of transaction history
- Support Letter (if the bank account is outside the USA)
- Affidavit of Support (I-134) (if the bank account is from the USA)

Government or Private Scholarship:

- Scholarship Letter (must include your name, duration of funding, and nature of funding)

BEI's Application:

- International Student Enrollment Agreement
- Dependent Addendum (if applicable)
- \$150 Registration Fee
- (\$50 Initial I-20 updates fee if applicable)

STEP 2: Pay I-901 SEVIS Fee

I-901 SEVIS fee:

- Pay the \$350 fee online at www.fmjfee.com
- You will need 2 numbers:
 - SEVIS ID #: N0000000000
 - School Code: HOU214F00389000

Available Sessions

Each cycle is 7 weeks long. To maximize language immersion, students must enroll in a minimum of two cycles.

Intensive English Program – Morning

Monday-Thursday / 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Cost per cycle: \$1,820.00

2025	
Cycle 1	January 06 - February 20
Cycle 2	February 24 - April 10
Cycle 3	April 14 - May 29
Cycle 4	June 02 - July 17
Cycle 5	July 21 - September 04
Cycle 6	September 08 - October 23
Cycle 7	October 27 - December 11

2026	
Cycle 1	January 05 - February 19
Cycle 2	February 23 - April 09
Cycle 3	April 13 - May 28
Cycle 4	June 01 - July 16
Cycle 5	July 20 - September 03
Cycle 6	September 07 - October 22
Cycle 7	October 26 - December 10

Allow 3-5 business days to process your I-20 packet.

Initial I-20 Length Funding Options

I-20 4 months	3 cycles ~ 4 months Tuition: \$5,360 Cost of Living \$2,100 Misc: \$200 Total Funding for 3 cycles: \$7,660
I-20 6 months	4 cycles ~ 6 months Tuition: \$7,060 Cost of Living: \$4,200 Misc: \$300 Total Funding for 3 cycles: \$11,560
I-20 12 months	7 cycles ~ 12 months Tuition: \$10,920 Cost of Living: \$8,400 Misc: \$600 Total Funding for 7 cycles: \$19,920
Dependents (if applicable)	\$600 per month for spouse \$350 per month per child