

Apply for Initial F1- Checklist & Procedures

These guidelines apply to all foreign nationals who wish to enter the USA with an F1 visa.

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:

- 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 3 month transaction history
 - Funds from a Sponsor (Parent, Relative, Friend):
 - Bank Statements with 3 months transaction history
 - Support Letter (if bank account is outside 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 online at www.fmjfee.com
- You will need 2 numbers:
 - SEVIS ID #: N0000000000
 - School Code: HOU214F00389000
- \$350 Fee

Available Sessions: Each cycle is 7 weeks long. To maximize your language immersion, we require our students to enroll in a minimum of **two cycles**. Please see the schedules below:

[Intensive English Program Monday – Thursday](#)

Morning Schedule: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

The cost of one cycle is **\$1,820.00**

2024

Cycle 1: January 8 – February 23, 2024

Cycle 2: February 26 – April 12, 2024

Cycle 3: April 15 – May 31, 2024

Cycle 4: June 3 - July 19, 2024

Cycle 5: July 22 - September 6, 2024

Cycle 6: September 9 - October 25, 2024

Cycle 7: October 28 – December 13, 2024

2025

Cycle 1: January 6 – February 21, 2025

Cycle 2: February 24 – April 11, 2025

Cycle 3: April 14 – May 30, 2025

Cycle 4: June 2 – July 18, 2025

Cycle 5: July 21 – September 5, 2025

Cycle 6: September 8 – October 24, 2025

Cycle 7: October 27 – December 12, 2025

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

Initial I-20 Length Funding Options

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

What documents can you provide to show financial support:

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