



Request for Dependent I-20 for F-2 Visa

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Before deciding to bring dependents to the U.S., we encourage all students to review the regulations regarding F-2 dependents located at:

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/bringing-dependents-to-the-united-states>

Listed below are the documents required to add a dependent (spouse or child) to an F-1 student's SEVIS record:

All documents must be submitted to oia@louisiana.edu along with the *Request for Dependent I-20 for F-2 Visa Form* (p. 3).

If adding a spouse:

1. Copy of official Marriage Certificate (English translation required)
2. Copy of Passport (picture page only)
3. Bank statement showing funds of at least \$2,000 (bank statement showing funds within the past 6 months)

If adding a child:

1. Copy of Birth Certificate (English translation required)
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4. Bank statement showing funds of at least \$1,000 (bank statement showing funds within the past 6 months)

Once all documents and ***Request for Dependent I-20 for F-2 Visa Form*** have been submitted to oia@louisiana.edu, dependent I-20(s) will be issued and the student will be emailed instructions for pick-up. Please allow 5-8 business days for the issuance of dependent I-20s.



Visa Application Procedures for F-2 Dependents

An F-1 student's spouse and unmarried minor children are required to have a valid passport and F-2 visa for entry into the United States.

F-2 visas must be applied for at a U.S. consulate or embassy.

Each F-2 applicant must present the consular officer with a dependent Form I-20 and other documents that may be required to demonstrate eligibility for F-2 status, such as proof of relationship to the F-1 student and a copy of the F-1 student's Form I-20.

Documents to use during visa interview:

1. Marriage (spouse)/Birth Certificate (children)
2. Bank Statement
3. F-2 Original I-20
4. Copy of F-1 I-20
5. I-901 Fee Payment Confirmation

During the visa interview, a spouse must establish to the consular officer and the immigration officer at the port of entry that:

- The spouse/child has sufficient funds to cover her expenses in the U.S.
- The spouse/child intends to leave the U.S. upon the termination of the status of the principal F-1 student

Please mail the Form F-2 I-20 to you dependent along with a copy of your F-1 I-20.

When the dependent family members arrive at the port of entry, they must present their F-2 visa and Form I-20 to the CBP agent.



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Individuals in F-2 status may **not** work or engage in business under any circumstances.

F-2 children can be full-time students only while in grades K-12 (Kindergarten through the last year of high school). After high school, to study full-time, the dependent must obtain an F-1 visa.

F-2 spouses are restricted to part-time study at all U.S. institutions of higher education. F-2 spouses who wish to enroll full-time, must obtain their own F-1 visa.

Directions: Complete one form for each dependent petitioning for an F-2 visa.

Last Name of F-1 Student: _____ First Name of F-1 Student: _____

ULID of F-1 Student: _____ F-1 Student’s SEVIS ID: N00 _____

Last Name of Dependent: _____ First Name of Dependent: _____

Dependent’s Country of Birth: _____ Relationship to F-1 Student: Spouse Child

Dependent’s City of Birth: _____ Dependent’s Country of Citizenship: _____

F-1 Student’s Contact Info for I-20 Pick-up:

Email: _____ Phone (with area code): _____

Required Documents: (Email with completed form to uia@louisiana.edu or bring to Room 136 in the Student Union)

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