

Dear Prospective Student,

As a prospective F-1 or J-1 international student you are required to pay a one-time fee of \$100 to the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Payment must be made prior to applying for an F-1 or J-1 visa at a US embassy/consulate. (If you are not required to obtain a visa to enter the US, but you will be an F-1 or J-1 student, you still need to pay this fee. An example would be Canadian citizens).

DHS uses this fee, often called the SEVIS Fee, to cover operational costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), a component part of the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). SEVIS is a central computerized system that maintains and manages data concerning international students (F-1 status), exchange visitors (J-1 status), and their dependents (F-2 and J-2 statuses) before and during their stay in the United States.

**TO PAY THE SEVIS FEE, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:**

We strongly encourage online payment of the SEVIS fee in order to obtain an immediate fee payment receipt. You will need the receipt when you apply for a student visa. There is no extra cost to pay online.

1. You will need a Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card to make payment
2. Go to: <http://www.FMJfee.com>  
(If you have questions, go to <http://www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/> )
3. Pay attention to the following issues when completing the form:
  - a. the form reads as if you must mail it in. Do not mail it. Submit it via the Internet.
  - b. Enter your name exactly as it appears on Form I-20 (F-1 students) or Form DS-2019 (J-1 students)
  - c. Prospective F-1 students only - the School Code for Purdue is CHI214F10460000 (CHI should be entered in the first box, numbers 10460 in the second, numbers 000 in the last box)
  - d. Prospective J-1 students only - the Program Number for Purdue is P-1-00622 (the letter P should be entered in the first box, the number 1 in the second, numbers 00622 in the last box)
  - e. Answer all of the questions regarding where a receipt should be mailed. Choose first class airmail. (Even though you are paying online and will receive an electronic receipt at the end of this process, the US government will still mail a receipt to you).
4. Complete the online form
5. Choose credit card payment option
6. Submit Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card information
7. Print an online receipt. Do not wait for the mail receipt.
8. Make a copy of the online receipt for your personal records. Carry it with your other important immigration documents. (F-2 and J-2 dependents who will apply for an F-2 or J-2 visa do not need to pay the fee, however, they should bring a copy of their spouse's F-1 or J-1 receipt when applying for their F-2 or J-2 visa)
9. Bring your online SEVIS payment receipt with you when you apply for a student visa! Do not wait for the mail receipt! (Please be informed that there will also be a visa application fee that you must pay at the US embassy/consulate)

We hope to see you at Purdue University Calumet in the near future!

Sincerely,

Marsha Gordon  
Director of International Student Services