

Guide After Receiving I-20



Step 1: Set Up Your Greensboro College Outlook Email

Check your personal email for login information from Greensboro College. Your username and password will be provided to access your Outlook email account.

Step 2: Pay the SEVIS Fee to the US Government

Visit [FMJfee.com](https://fmjfee.com) to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee by credit or debit card. Western Union is also an option and may be required for students from certain countries (Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, The Gambia, and Cameroon). Read instructions on the website carefully.

To pay the fee you will need the following information from your I-20:

- SEVIS number (begins with "N")
- Greensboro College school code from page 1 of the I-20 (begins with "ATL")

Print a copy of the receipt after making the payment. This receipt will be shown as proof of payment to the visa issuing officer at the US Embassy or Consulate.

Step 3: Research Your Consulate/Embassy

Research the consulate/embassy where you will apply for your visa. You may need to schedule an appointment. Visa processing times can vary. Allow enough time to get the visa and enter the US prior to the start of the semester so you do not miss the mandatory orientation.

These links may be helpful in preparing for your interview:

- Students and the Form I-20
<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/prepare/students-and-the-form-i-20>
- Applying for a Visa to Travel to the United States
<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/applying-for-a-visa-to-travel-to-the-united-states>
- Study and Exchange

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study.html>

- 10 Points to Remember when Applying for a Student Visa
<https://www.nafsa.org/professional-resources/browse-by-interest/10-points-remember-when-applying-student-visa>

F-1 Visa Appointment Checklist

Step 4: Prepare Documents for Your Visa Interview

Bring the following items to your F-1 visa appointment. The interviewer may not ask for all documents, but it is better to have extra than to be missing one.

- ☐ Valid passport, valid at least 6 months beyond intended U.S. stay
- ☐ Form I-20, signed by both the Designated School Official and the student
- ☐ DS-160 confirmation page with barcode
- ☐ Visa appointment confirmation letter
- ☐ SEVIS I-901 fee payment receipt
- ☐ One passport-sized photo meeting U.S. visa requirements
- ☐ Financial documentation showing sufficient funds (bank statements, scholarship/sponsor letters)
- ☐ Official admission letter from Greensboro College (located in application portal; email internationalprograms@greensboro.edu if needed)
- ☐ Invitation letter from the president (after making visa appointment, email internationalprograms@greensboro.edu with appointment date and embassy location)
- ☐ Standardized test scores, if available
- ☐ Academic transcripts and diplomas from all previous institutions
- ☐ Social media accounts set to public before the interview