



F2 Dependent Information (Spouse, Child under 21)

In order to bring family members (spouse and/or children) of an F-1 student to the United States, the student is required to provide the legal documents showing the relationship (marriage or birth certificate) and a financial statement. If the family members will accompany the F-1 student at the start of his/her program, the [Graduate School](#) or the [Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#) will issue the dependent I-20s along with the I-20 for the F-1 student.

The Office of International Affairs will issue a SEVIS I-20 with the dependent information for all students who are already enrolled in classes at the University.

The only individuals who can be a dependent on a student's F-1 visa are minor children or a spouse (spouse = legally wedded husband or wife). If any other relatives want to accompany an F-1 student to the U.S., they must make other arrangements, such as using a B-2 tourist visa.

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 emailed to ويا@louisiana.edu along with the [Request for Dependent I-20 for F-2 Visa Form](#).

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)
4. [OIA Confidential Financial Information Form](#)

If adding a child:

1. Copy of Birth Certificate (English translation required)
2. Copy of Passport (picture page only)
3. Bank statement showing funds of at least \$1,000 (bank statement showing funds within the past 6 months)
4. [OIA Confidential Financial Information Form](#)

Once all documents and [Request for Dependent I-20 for F-2 Visa Form](#) have been submitted to ويا@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.



Please note our office CANNOT issue F2 I-20s prior to SEVIS registration in Spring and Fall semesters. Requests made at the start of a semester will be deferred 30 days due to SEVIS registration.

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.

Once your F-2 dependent(s) enter the U.S., our office requires a copy of the following for each F-2 dependent:

- F-2 valid passport (picture page only)
- F-2 visa (picture page and visa stamp)
- F-2 signed I-20 (signed by the F-1)
- Copy of most recent I-94

Electronic copies of all documents above should be emailed to uia@louisiana.edu.



Tax Identification Number

The dependent of an international student cannot obtain a social security number, but they are eligible to apply for Tax Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service. An international student's children who are born in U.S. are an exception for this, and they are entitled to a social security number. For more information, please visit the [IRS' website](#).

Driver's License

Dependents can obtain a driver's license without a Social Security Number by obtaining a Tax Identification Number. For more information please visit the [Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles website](#).

Working in the U.S.

Dependents of F-1 students are not allowed to work in United States, regardless of whether it is on campus or off campus.

Health and Accident Insurance

Although current regulations do not require dependents of F-1 students to carry health and accident insurance, it is anticipated that coverage will soon become mandatory. Because of the high cost of health care in the U.S., insurance for dependents is highly recommended. The U.S. government does not subsidize any health care costs for non-immigrant visitors. If an uninsured family member needs medical care for any reason, your family could end up with an unmanageable financial burden. The University does not offer insurance coverage plans for F2 students, but there are many other companies that provide health insurance for F2 dependents.

Dependents of J-1 students must have health insurance. Dependents of F-1 or J-1 students are not eligible for public assistance programs such as medical services or insurance provided to low-income U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Childcare, Primary and Secondary School Enrollment

The University's Child Development Center provides childcare for students and employees. For more information visit the [Child Development Center's website](#).

Information for Primary & Secondary School Enrollment

Lafayette Parish Public Schools

Lafayette Parish Catholic Schools

Lafayette Parish Charter Schools
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