



I-485 Permanent Resident Pending Decision for F1 Students

When you file the I-485 application to adjust your immigration status from non-immigrant to immigrant status, you are considered to be pending permanent resident (PR or I-485 Pending). Once the I-485 is filed, it may take months or years before you receive the adjudication from USCIS (Please consult a licensed immigration attorney). As long as you comply with F1 visa regulations, your SEVIS record will not be terminated. During that time that you have an I-485 application pending with USCIS, you may choose to maintain your status or not, as shown in the two options below:

I-485 Pending Option 1: Maintaining F1 Status

Although maintaining student status is no longer required once you file the immigrant application and receive the I-485 receipt notice (PR pending), there is a practical benefit to maintaining your legal status in the event that the adjudication result is not approved. If you choose this option, you must continue to maintain your F1 status by enrolling fulltime, working only with the required authorization, and following all other regulations required of those who hold F1 visas.

I-485 Pending Option 2: Not Maintaining F1 Status

If you have filed the immigrant application and received the I-485 receipt (PR pending) and you choose NOT to maintain your F1 status, our office must terminate your SEVIS record. We will not terminate your status if you are maintaining your status. When we terminate your SEVIS record, you are completely counting on your PR to be approved. You have no backup plan.

NOTE As soon as you receive your permanent residency card (green card) or have a visa stamp in your passport, please email these documents to oia@louisiana.edu and the Registrar's Office (ur@louisiana.edu) so that your immigration status can be updated. Please note that if you are employed by the University, you will also need to provide these documents to humanresources@louisiana.edu

Please complete the information below:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

ULID: _____ SEVIS ID: N _____

Phone: _____ Email (personal): _____

Option 1: Maintaining F1 Status I have filed the I-485 application and I voluntarily choose to comply with the F-1 regulations and maintain my legal status. This will provide me with a "backup plan" if my PR application or petition fails. I will still be considered as an F1 student and my SEVIS record will remain ACTIVE. I can switch to Option 2 if I decide to not adhere to the federal immigration regulations for F1 students.

Option 2 Not Maintaining F1 Status I have filed the I-485 application. I choose to abandon my status and will not continue to follow regulations for F1 students. I understand that my record in SEVIS will be terminated