

Request for Dependent I-20 for F2 Visa

The only individuals who can be a dependent on a student's 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 a B2 Visitor Visa.

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

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/bringingdependents-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 F2 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)
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 F2 Visa Form have been submitted to oia@louisiana.edu, dependent I



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Visa Application Procedures for F2 Dependents

An F1 student's spouse and unmarried minor children are required to have a valid passport and F2 visa for entry into the United States.

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

Each F2 applicant must present the consular officer with a dependent Form I-20 and other documents that may be required to demonstrate eligibility for F2 status, such as proof of relationship to the F1 student and a copy of the F1 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 F1 I-20
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