



GETTING A STUDENT VISA

DNA is approved by the U.S. government to issue I-20 Certificates of Eligibility to qualifying non-immigrant students for M-1 (Student) Visa Status. The I-20 form verifies that a student has been accepted into a qualifying study program. This form must be taken, along with all other required documents, to the American embassy in the student's home country to apply for the M-1 Visa. An M-1 Visa is a Student Visa that is granted to vocational schools. M-1 Visas are usually issued for one year at a time. Students may apply for extensions of the I-20 form, for up to three total years of study.

After the required application materials are received and evaluated by DNA, student will be notified in writing of acceptance. Once accepted, the tuition deposit must be paid. DNA will then issue the I-20 form.

It is possible to apply for a Transfer from another M-1 school, or a Change of Status from an F-1 or B-1 visa. Please speak to Carolyn Cryer for more information. Please allow at least 60 days to apply for a Change of Status.

For general information about visas, and for links to U.S. embassies around the world, go to travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html. Make sure to check with your embassy for processing times and for any additional required documents or fees.

In order to obtain a visa, you must pay the I-901 fee to the Student & Exchange Visitor Information System before your appointment at your local U.S. embassy. For information on how to pay this fee, go to <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>