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What is the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)?

SEVIS is a database maintained by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security which maintains information on non-immigrant students such as F-1 students.

Why has the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) created SEVIS?

SEVIS automates the manual data collection process that schools and exchange visitor programs utilize to gather information on their students, scholars, and exchange visitors.

How much will SEVIS cost?

The U.S. Embassy or consulate will collect $200 from each student visa applicant. New fees for students, exchange visitors and schools went into effect on October 27, 2008.

Foreign citizens applying to become F or M students or J exchange visitors pay the following SEVIS I-901 fee amounts:

| I-901 F-1/M-1 visa applicants (full payment) | $200 |
| I-901 J-1 visa applicants (full payment)     | $180 |
| I-901 Special J-visa categories (subsidized payment) | $35 |
| I-901 Government visitor (no payment)        | $0   |

More specific information pertaining to F-1 visas can be found on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement website, which can be found at this link [http://www.ice.gov/sevis/](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/).

How do I pay the SEVIS fee?

Applicants can pay the SEVIS fee by completing form I-901. You may either pay the fee electronically by completing form I-901 through the Internet and using a credit card, or by completing form I-901 and submitting a check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank.

Are there any other fees associated with obtaining a student visa?

Each embassy or consulate charges a fee to individuals applying for student visas. The fee varies by country, but is approximately $200.