



If you wish to invite your children (under 21 years old) or spouse, referred to as “dependents,” to live with you in the U.S., they will need to apply for **F-2 immigration status**.

How can I invite my husband, wife, or children to come stay with me in the U.S.?

Here's a brief explanation of the process:

1. Turn in this application requesting to add your F-2 dependent to your SEVIS record. Please be prepared to demonstrate adequate financial support.
2. You will receive an updated F-1 student I-20 and new F-2 dependent I-20(s) from CGE. Allow 1-2 weeks for processing.
3. Send the new original F-2 dependent I-20, along with the necessary documents (listed below) to your dependent.
4. Your dependent will take the I-20 and necessary documents to apply for an F-2 visa at an embassy or consulate abroad.
5. After your dependent receives the F-2 visa, he or she can enter the US using the I-20, passport, and F-2 visa. Please bring in all dependent documents to CGE for copying after your dependents have entered the United States.

F-2 Visa Application Process & Necessary Documents

Please refer to instructions on the web site of your embassy or consulate (<http://travel.state.gov>) for a complete list of required documents.

However, we suggest that your dependents have the following documents in hand.

- Original signed F-2 dependent I-20 issued by your CGE Advisor
- A personal letter of invitation from you to the dependent
- Proof of marriage and/or child's birth
- A photocopy of your F-1 student I-20
- Original copies of your (F-1) funding documents
- A letter from your department stating your student status and details of your assistantship, if applicable
- Your FSU transcripts (available from the FSU Registrar's office)
- Certification of Enrollment (available from the FSU Registrar's office)

SPECIAL NOTE FOR DEPENDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S.

If your dependent is currently in the U.S. under a different visa status, he or she will need to apply directly to USCIS for a change of immigration status. The F-2 dependent I-20 does not grant F-2 status without approval by USCIS. If you need information on this process, please make an appointment with your F-1 Advisor at CGE.

F-2 Dependents must have:

- An F-2 dependent I-20
- An F-2 Visa or Change of Status approval letter (I-797 notice)
- An I-94 with F-2 D/S notation
- An I-20 signed for travel when exiting and re-entering the U.S.
- Valid F-2 visa to re-enter the U.S.

F-2 Dependents may:

- Attend school (grades K-12 only)
- Participate in other "avocational or recreational" study (exp. cooking, art, English lessons)
- Study part time
- Travel
- Volunteer

F-2 Dependents may not:

- Be employed
- Be full-time degree-seeking students at a postsecondary school or university

NOTE: Please be aware that F-2 status is only valid as long as the F-1 student maintains his/her status properly.



F-1 Information

Please complete the following information about yourself.

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name (s)

Date of Birth

Phone

E-mail:

Dependent Information (as listed on passport)

1.

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

Relationship to you

☐ Spouse

☐ Child

Date of Birth (month/day/year)

Country of Birth

Country of Citizenship

E-mail

2.

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

Relationship to you

☐ Spouse

☐ Child

Date of Birth (month/day/year)

Country of Birth

Country of Citizenship

E-mail

3.

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

Relationship to you

☐ Spouse

☐ Child

Date of Birth (month/day/year)

Country of Birth

Country of Citizenship

E-mail

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING FOR DEPENDENT I-20 REQUEST

Please submit personal/sponsor/scholarship funding and/or departmental funding to show that you are able to cover your annual estimated expenses PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$6,000 to add your spouse and/or \$4,000 for each child you are adding to your SEVIS record as a dependent. Then complete the appropriate section below (EITHER as a student with personal/sponsor/scholarship funding OR as a student with assistantships).

Estimated Annual Costs*	Tuition	Undergraduate	Graduate
and Fees		\$20,113	\$21,179
Living Expenses & Health Insurance		\$27,565	\$27,565
Books & Course Materials		\$1,200	\$1,200
TOTAL		\$48,878	\$49,944

*May vary based on number of credit hours taken per year. Costs indicated for undergraduate students are based on 26 credit hours; costs for graduate students are based on 18 credit hours.

STUDENT, PLEASE SIGN AND DATE:

I certify that the information given on this form is complete and accurate. I am fully aware that I am responsible for the financial support of my family for their entire stay in the United States.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date

STUDENTS with SPONSOR, SCHOLARSHIP, or PERSONAL FUNDS COMPLETE THIS SECTION

SOURCES OF FUNDING: Please indicate your source(s) of funding

Types of funding	Amount available	Required Documentation
Student Bank Account	\$	Official letter or statement, signed and dated, from bank or financial institution, no more than 6 months old, indicating a current balance to cover the funds needed (as calculated above).
Sponsor (parent, relative, family, friend, etc. who is to complete Sponsor Statement below.)	\$	
Scholarship	\$	
Other	\$	Please specify and include original documentation.
Total	\$	

SPONSOR STATEMENT (A letter from your sponsor will also suffice).

I certify that the above information is correct, and that funding in the amount of \$ (as calculated above) will be available.

I have enclosed bank and/or other financial institution verification demonstrating availability of funds required.

Name of Sponsor (please print)

Relationship to Applicant

Sponsor's Signature

Date

STUDENTS with ASSISTANTSHIPS, PLEASE ASK YOUR ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

The student receives a stipend of \$ per year.

The student receives an out-of-state waiver of credit hours per year.

The student receives a matriculation waiver of credit hours per year.

Will funding continue for the duration of the program, contingent upon satisfactory academic performance, satisfactory performance of assistantship duties, and availability of funds? Yes ☐ No ☐ if no, please explain:

If the student is from Latin America or the Caribbean (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), will the student be awarded a non-duty scholarship of a of \$500 per academic year and designated as a Latin American - Caribbean Scholarship recipient?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, specify amount of award: \$

Note: Please include a copy of the LAC Scholarship Award letter with this form. || About LAC Scholarships: www.fsu.edu/gradstudies/spotlight.shtml

Department Contact Person

Phone

Email Address

Name of Department Chair (print)

Signature

Date