

Dependent (F-2) I-20

Request Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Tel. #: _____

Email: _____

FDU ID#: _____

What is an F-2?

An F-2 is a dependent of an F-1 student living in the United States. Spouses and children are classified as dependents. They may remain in the country as long as the F-1 student maintains status.

Please note:

- F-2 dependents are **not** eligible for any paid employment.
- Children **may** attend nursery, primary and secondary school while on a dependent I-20.
- Spouses and children are able to study **part time** at the college level while on a dependent I-20.
- Should the spouse or child wish to study **full time** a change of Status (COS) to F-1 would be required.

Who is eligible to obtain an F-2 or Dependent I-20?

- Any child of an F-1 student under the age of 21
- A legal spouse

Please note: If the dependent is already in the U.S. on another visa, the dependent must complete a Change of Status (COS) in order to become an F-2. This packet does not discuss COS. For more information about the COS process, please schedule an appointment with an advisor.

What is needed to apply for a dependent I-20?

- Copy of the dependent's passport
- Copy of the marriage certificate (if the I-20 is for a spouse) or copy of birth certificate (if the I-20 is for a child)
- Original financial document, such as a bank statement or pay stub, showing an additional yearly amount of \$7,800 for a spouse or \$4,000 for each child
- Original affidavit of support, if the funding comes from a sponsor or relative

The F-1 student must apply on the dependent's behalf to obtain the I-20. Upon receipt of these documents, ISS will issue an I-20 document for each dependent and a new I-20 document for the student. The student is the signatory for the dependent(s) I-20 document(s). The dependent will use the I-20 document to apply for an F-2 visa.

What should the F-2 bring to the visa appointment?

- Passport
- Copy of student's passport (all pages, including visa and I-94)
- Marriage Certificate (for a spouse) or Birth Certificate (for a child)
- Original dependent I-20
- Copy of student's I-20
- Original financial documents (bank statement and affidavit, if applicable)
- Proof of ties to home country
- Other documents as required. (See the consulate website for details)

For more information, please schedule an appointment with an advisor.

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