

# SEVIS I-901 FEE PAYMENT INSTRUCTION

Effective October 27, 2008

Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is a web-based computer system used by the United States government to track and monitor all international students and scholars in F and J visa status. It is maintained and monitored by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through its Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). All Forms I-20s for F-1 students and DS-2019s for J-1 Exchange Visitors are issued through SEVIS.

To offset the cost to operate SEVIS, DHS charges a mandatory fee to all individuals applying for an F1 or J1 visa. **The fee must be paid AFTER a Form I-20 or DS-2019 is issued but BEFORE an F1 or J1 visa application is submitted to a U.S. Consulate.**

On September 26, 2008, ICE published a new rule to increase the SEVIS fee effective October 27, 2008. Listed below is the amount charged to each visa type:

Visa Type	Before 10/27/08	On and After 10/27/08
I – 901 F-1 Student	\$100	\$200
I – 901 J-1 Scholar or Exchange Student	\$100	\$180

## Who Must Pay the Fee?

- Any F1 student with Form I – 20 issued for “**Initial Attendance**”
- Any J1 scholar and exchange student with Form DS-2019 issued for “**Begin New Program**”

*Note: F-2 and J-2 dependents are NOT required to pay the SEVIS fee.*

## How to Pay the SEVIS Fee and What are the Payment Options?

- You must fill a Form I – 901 to make the payment. You may pay online at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com) with Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit cards or Debit cards (also known as check cards) that have the Visa or MasterCard logo; or
- You may pay by mail with check or money order. Download the Form I – 901 from [www.ice.gov/sevis/i901](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901) and follow the instructions on the form to mail the payment to the right address.

## Information required on Form I – 901

- Item # 14 – School Code: **NEW214F00147003 – F-1 ONLY\***  
Item # 14 – Program Number: **P-1-10111 – J-1 ONLY \***  
Item # 15 – SEVIS Identification Number – printed above the bar code on your Form I – 20 or DS – 2019

*\* This information is located on the Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.*