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For international students intending to study in the U.S. on an F-1 student visa, an official bank letter, loan letter, or scholarship letter must be provided with an affidavit of financial support. Upon acceptance for admission and receipt of financial documentation, the Worldwide Principal Designated School Official (PDSO) will issue the Certificate of Eligibility form (I-20) allowing the student to apply for an F-1 visa. A Designated School Official (DSO) is located at each approved location to assist an F-1 student in maintaining immigration status.

F-1 Visa Process

1. Apply to an F-1 approved location and program at Embry-Riddle Worldwide.
2. Submit documentation for admission as outlined in the current catalog.
3. Receive admissions decision.
4. Sign the Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility mailed to you by your International Student Counselor.
5. Submit the Form I-901 SEVIS fee at www.fmjfee.com. To obtain the I-901 receipt, you will need to pay the \$350 SEVIS Fee (I-901).
6. Contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate in your country of residence to apply for an F-1 visa: <http://travel.state.gov>.
7. Attend your visa interview. The consular officer determines your eligibility for issuance of the F-1 visa.
8. Purchase health insurance to cover you during the duration of your stay in the United States before you arrive.
9. Review your International Student Guide on how to maintain your F-1 status and study at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide.
10. Email the F-1 student agreement to the DSO or PDSO at wwintstc@erau.edu.
11. Secure housing and transportation prior to arriving in the United States.
12. Arrive at the U.S. Port of Entry within 30 days of the term start date.

The PDSO serves as point of contact for all international students with the processing of forms and documentation of status required by foreign governments, sponsors, the U.S. Government, and the University. For further information, contact an International Student Counselor in the Admissions Office toll free at (800) 522-6787 Option 2, or by email at wwintstc@erau.edu.

Department of Homeland Security/Student Exchange Visitor Program

This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. The following sites are approved to enroll students who have obtained an F-1 student visa:

- DFW Southlake, Texas
- Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- Los Angeles, California
- Miami, Florida
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Orlando, Florida
- Phoenix-Mesa, Arizona
- Portland, Oregon
- San Diego, California
- San Francisco Bay Area, California
- Seattle, Washington