

Dear Prospective Student:

As a prospective F-1 international student, you are required to pay a one-time fee of \$350 to the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). **Payment must be made prior to applying for an F-1 visa at a US embassy/consulate.** If you are not required to obtain a visa to enter the US, but you will be an F-1 student, you still need to pay this fee. An example would be Canadian citizens.

DHS uses this fee, often called the SEVIS Fee, to cover operational costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), a component part of the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). SEVIS is a central computerized system that maintains and manages data concerning international students (F-1 status), exchange visitors (J-1 status), and their dependents (F-2 and J-2 statuses) before and during their stay in the United States.

PAYING THE SEVIS FEE:

There are currently two payment methods: by mail and by credit card via the Internet. We strongly encourage online payment of the SEVIS fee in order to obtain an immediate fee payment receipt. You will need the receipt when you apply for a student visa.

For credit card payment via the internet:

1. You will need a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express credit card to make payment.
2. [Pay SEVIS fee here.](#) For questions, click on the *Help* link.
3. Complete the online form:
 - Enter your name exactly as it appears on Form I-20
 - The School Code for Purdue University Northwest (Calumet) is CHI214F10460002.
 - Choose credit card payment option
 - Submit Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card information.
 - Print an online receipt. Do not wait for the mail receipt which may take two weeks or longer to arrive.

Make a copy of the payment receipt for your personal records. Carry it with your important immigration documents. (F-2 dependents who will apply for an F-2 visa do not need to pay the fee, however, they should bring a copy of their spouse/parent's F-1 receipt when applying for their F-2 visa.)

Take your SEVIS payment receipt with you when you apply for your student visa!

We hope to see you at Purdue University Northwest (Calumet) in the near future!

Sincerely,

Office of International Students and Scholars