

Request for F-2 Dependent I-20

F-1 visa students may request for their spouse and/or children to join them as F-2 dependents. To qualify for F-2 status, dependent(s) must be student's spouse or unmarried, minor children (under age 21).

Each eligible dependent will be issued an I-20 form by International Student Services office and then have to request a corresponding F-2 visa at the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in their country.

F-2 Visa Regulations

The F-1 visa student and his/her dependent (s) must know the following U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulations:

Restrictions on F-2 Dependent Employment and Study

- Dependents on F-2 visa may not accept employment or engage in business under any circumstances.
- Dependents on F-2 visa may not engage in full-time study and the F-2 child only may engage in full-time study at an elementary or secondary school.
- An F-2 spouse may engage in avocational or recreational study only. This is a study done as a hobby or of an occasional, casual nature.
- An F-2 spouse or child desiring to enroll in a degree program must apply for and obtain a change of status to F-1 visa. Full course of study cannot begin until change of status is approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Travel Abroad and Re-entry

An F-2 dependent leaving the United States temporarily must have the following documents to re-enter the U.S.:

- Valid passport
- Valid F-2 visa
- I-20 form endorsed by an international student advisor at International Student Services

Extension of F-2 Status

Dependents in F-2 status are permitted to stay in the U.S. only to the extent that the principal F-1 visa student is authorized to stay.

Required Documents for F-2 Dependent I-20 Form

F-1 student must provide International Student Services with the following documents:

- **Confirmation of Financial Resources Form:** Download at: <http://international.utsa.edu/prospective-students/financial-requirements/#CFR>
- **Current Financial Support:** Current evidence of all sources of financial support for the student and any dependents. Additional \$5,000 for spouse and \$3,000 for each child per academic year must be shown.
- **Copy of the F-1 Student's Immigration Documents:** Passport, visa, I-94 card, and the most recent I-20 form
- **Copy of the dependent(s)' passport**
- **Proof of relationship to the F-1 student: Copy of marriage certificate (spouse); birth certificate or equivalent (child)**
- **Dependent Information Form:** Attached to the second page of this handout.
- **All information must be translated into English**

Upon receipt of all required documents, International Student Services will issue an F-2 dependent I-20 form and updated I-20 form for the F-1 student. The F-1 student is the signatory for the F-2 dependent I-20 form.

Note: After issuance of the I-20 forms, International Student Services will put a registration hold on the student's academic record. Once the student's dependent(s) enter the U.S., the F-1 student must provide International Student Services with copies of each dependent's official documents (passport, visa, I-94 card, stamped I-20 form) in order to have the registration hold removed.

How to Apply For an F-2 Visa

Please follow the procedures on how to get an F-2 visa on U.S. Department of State website:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html#5

Dependent Information Form

Please complete and attach the supporting documentation when submitting to International Student Services. Dependent information must be filled out for each dependent for whom you are requesting an F-2 dependent I-20 form.

F-1 Student Information

Name: _____ Student ID: @ _____
Last Name First Name

Local Address: _____
Street Apt. City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Dependent Information: For additional dependents, use a separate sheet of paper.

Dependent 1

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Relationship to you: Spouse Child

Gender: Female Male City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Permanent Residence: _____

Dependent 2

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Relationship to you: Spouse Child

Gender: Female Male City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Permanent Residence: _____

Student Acknowledgement

By signing below, I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Also, I have read and understand the regulations regarding an F-2 visa on the first page of this handout. I will bring each dependent's passport, visa, I-94 card and I-20 form to the International Student Services office for verification and to have my registration hold removed.

Signature of F-1 student Printed Name in English Date

For ISS USE ONLY – Advisor Initial _____

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