Steps for the I-20 Application Process

From abroad/not in the USA

Requesting an I-20 Form:

META Language School USA is authorized by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to issue the Form I-20 for those students who would like to apply for a Student Visa to study in the USA. To qualify for a Student Visa, students must be enrolled in a full-time course (18 hours per week) of studies and/or must be traveling to the US for the sole purpose of studying. You must inform us of your interest in applying for the Student Visa (F-1) on your application form.

META will issue you the Form I-20 after receiving your complete application package with all the necessary information and following documents to request your Form I-20. Please note that Forms I-20 can only be issued after you have been accepted and enrolled to META.

Information and documents needed from the student to issue an I-20:

1. Completed application with student's signature

2. Financial Proof in English: We must receive a copy (can be an email):

   a. A letter from the bank stating that the student has enough funds to pay for their program as well as their living expenses.

      or

   b. Bank statement (You should have in the bank a minimum of $1,000 per month and $500 a month more for each dependent) for living expenses plus $5,000 for a one year of tuition.

   c. If the account is not under the name of the student, the sponsorship letter form needs to be filled out by the sponsor.

3. Copy of your passport and any dependents

4. Initial Payment

☐ Registration Fee Individual:		$150
☐ Registration Fee Family (2 or more)		$250
☐ Courier fee		$100
	Total:	**$** ___

5. Payment upon visa approval

☐ Tuition	AM: $440; Aft: $380; PM: $420; Weekends: $420	
☐ Books fee:		$50-100
	Total:	**$** ___

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STEP 1

- Student sends all requested paperwork to META
- META approves application
- Designated School Official (DSO)/School Director issues the form I-20
- Designated School Official (DSO)/School Director sends I-20 & acceptance letter to student via courier.

STEP 2

- The student receives the For I-20 and acceptance letter via courier. Check your name, date of birth and all other personal information for accuracy. If there are any errors, let us know immediately.
- Sign and date the form.
- The student pays the I-901 fee to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/ and prints receipt.
- Student completes the DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application.
- Student makes an appoinment for a visa interview at their nearest U.S. Consulate/Embassy
- Pay **the non-refundable visa application fee.** When your visa is approved, you may also pay a visa issuance fee, *fees varies by country*.
- Student prepares for interview (I-20, acceptance letter, proof of ties to home country, etc)

STEP 3

- Bring all prepared paperwork to the interview (passport, I-20, acceptance letter, financial documents, proof of ties to home country [example: letter from employer] etc)
- Arrive at U.S. Consulate early to go through security
- Attend interview
- Follow directions provided by consular

STEP 4

- Receive results from interview (visa approved or denied)
- If approved, make travel arrangement to USA
- Prepare for travel. Bring all visa paperwork, passport, driver license, prescriptions, eye glasses, etc

For updated information on any immigration fees or policies, please visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Study in the States website at: https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students

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