

SEVIS I-901 Fee Instructions for F-1 Students

Effective September 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security implemented regulations requiring a SEVIS fee for

If you are a continuing student who has been out of the United States for more than five months, maintained your status prior to leaving the United States, and have been participating in authorized study abroad, **do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

If you are a student who has been out of the United States for more than five months and have **not** participated in authorized study abroad, you are no longer considered a continuing student by DHS. You need a new initial Form I-20 from a school and you need to **pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

If you are a student who did not maintain status or you completed a previous program, you are no longer considered a continuing student by DHS. You need a new initial Form I-20 from a school and you need to **pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.**

6. Spouse or Minor Children of Students

If you are the spouse or minor child of a student, **do not pay the SEVIS I-901 fee** unless you are applying to change status to F-1, M-1, or J-1.

How to Pay:

Transferring a SEVIS I-901 payment from one SEVIS ID # to another:

What are the basic rules for applying a SEVIS I-901 fee payment from one SEVIS ID number to another?

The basic rules for moving a SEVIS I-901 fee payment between SEVIS ID numbers are:

The SEVIS I-901 fee must be moved between SEVIS ID numbers **for the same individual**

An additional SEVIS I-901 fee is **not** required (For more information, see the website)

The SEVIS I-901 fee amount for the new school or program must be less than or equal to the SEVIS I-901 fee already paid

Only the student may request the move