



Request for Dependant I-20 (F-2 Visa Status)

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This form cannot be submitted electronically, but first must be printed and then completed by F-1 students who wish to bring their spouse or children (under the age of 21) to the United States to live with them while they are studying at the University of Houston Downtown or if they have F-2 dependants and are transferring to UHD. This form should not be completed if the spouse/child is just planning to visit for a short time. The appropriate status for the purpose of a short-term visit is the B-1/B-2 tourist visa. Also, this form should not be completed for fiancés, parents, friends, or other relatives. Fiancés, parents, friends, and other relatives must apply for the B-1/B-2 tourist visa in order to visit the United States. **Please return the completed “Request for Dependant I-20” form to the above address.**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT’S INFORMATION

Last name _____

First name _____

Middle name _____

UHD student ID _____

Student’s Date of Birth ____/____/____ SEVIS ID # N _____

Current address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____@gator.uhd.edu

Address to which the dependant I-20 form(s) should be mailed if different from the address above.

The following address is valid until ____/____/____

Name _____

Street _____ Apt _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/postal code _____ Country _____

I understand that family members in F-2 status will not be permitted to work in the United States under any circumstance. Also, F-2 status does not permit full-time study nor pursuit of a degree in any college or university academic program. Further, I understand that F-2 family members must be covered by medical insurance during their stay in the United States.

Signature of Student/principle visa holder

Date

Minimum Required Support for Dependents

Spouse: \$6,180

The college estimates that the total additional cost of supporting a dependant spouse is \$6,180 US dollars. The minimum total required support for one year includes living expenses, plus the estimated cost of medical insurance. Because medical insurance plans vary in price, students should be aware that expenses could be considerably higher.

Child: \$3,280

The college estimates that the additional cost of supporting a dependent child is \$3,280 US dollars. The minimum total required support for one year includes living expenses, plus the cost of medical insurance. Because medical insurance plans vary in price, students should be aware that expenses could be considerably higher.

To request an I-20 for your dependent(s), please fill out the form below and include a copy of each dependent's **passport, proof of family relationship, and current (dated three months or less) bank statement(s)** showing a consistent balance equal to or greater than the combined amount of the total budget on the International Student application, together with the living expenses of dependent(s).

Please attach the following items to this request:

1. Current bank statements(s) showing liquid funds equal to or greater than the total budget amount on the ISD application, added to expenses of dependents (**\$6,180** US dollars for spouse and/or **\$3,280** US dollars for each child). Please be sure to block out the account numbers.
2. Copy of dependent's passport (name/citizenship page) and if applicable of the I-94.
3. Proof of family relationship (e.g., copy of marriage or birth certificate that shows date of birth and parent's information).

Please complete the following information for each dependent that you wish to bring into the United States, or if you are a transfer student, complete the information for each dependent that has already been included on your previous I-20.

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Middle Name _____ Date of Birth / / _____
Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____
Relation to Student _____ Gender _____
 Will apply for an F-2 VISA Currently has a valid F-2 VISA

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Middle Name _____ Date of Birth / / _____
Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____
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Middle Name _____ Date of Birth / / _____
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Total budget/cost entered on the International Student application for one academic year

Spouse (\$6,180 US dollars)

Children (\$3,280 US dollars x ____)

Total expenses of dependents and one academic year

Enter total financial support available (must be greater than amount above)

Additional Information

- F-1 principal visa holders can arrange at almost any time during their studies or while on OPT to have a spouse, and/or children to come to the U.S. on their own visa status, called an F-2 dependent visa.
- Each family member will be issued an I-20 that must be signed by the student. The I-20 will then be used to apply for an F-2 visa stamp (if abroad) or a change of status to F-2 status to F-2 (if already in the U.S.).
- When arriving with or approved for F-2 status, family members will each receive an I-94 card stamped “F-2” your program or on OPT. For travel abroad, dependents also require a signature from a University of Houston’s Designated School Official (DSO) on page three of their I-20.
- Family members on an F-2 dependent visa status **cannot** work or attend a formal academic program at a college or university.
- Children on F-2 status may attend school full-time from kindergarten to the 12th grade only.
- To change from F-2 status to another visa status, the family member must obtain the required documents for that status and file an application to the USCIS or leave the U.S. and apply for that status at a U.S. Consulate. Dependents on F-2 status cannot begin any study or employment related to the new status until new status has been granted.
- Family members on F-2 status are allowed to pursue informal or incidental coursework for personal interest or recreation and may participate in publicly advertised volunteer programs that do not include a competitive selection process.