Applying for F-1 Student Visa

What is the form I-20?
This document is required when you apply for your F-1 Student visa through the US embassy or consulate in your country of residence and entrance into the US. We input your information into the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and it produces the I-20 which acts as an acknowledgment that your record is in the system. The form includes your SEVIS ID number, which is the number in the upper left hand corner starting with 'N'.
Please note that this visa is for non-immigrant students wishing to pursue academic studies for a certain period of time in the US.

Is there a fee?
Yes, you will have to pay a SEVIS registration fee. Currently, the fee is $350 for F-1 students, but please check the websites for an updated amount as they are subject to increase.
For more information on the fee, please visit: https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/paying-the-i-901-sevis-fee
To pay the fee, please visit: https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html

What if you are a Canadian citizen?
Canadian citizens do not need a student visa to enter the US. You will need an I-20, so please apply for it through the College. Once you have been entered into SEVIS, just as students coming from other countries, you will have to pay a registration fee. When crossing the border, please be sure to bring with you, your Canadian passport, the original I-20 sent to you by the College, SEVIS fee receipt, proof of ability to pay school fees and living expenses in the US (your financial documentation) and proof of ties to Canada.

What if you have dependents?
A dependent is defined as the visa applicant’s spouse or child. The visa type for this category is F-2. While applying for your I-20, please inform us if you are planning on bringing your spouse or child(ren) to the US, to live with you during your course of study. For more information on dependents and their conditions, please contact the Registrar’s Office (registrars@neco.edu).

What if you are presently residing in the US on an F-1 Student Visa?
Please attach the following with the documents that you send us:
1. Photocopies of page 1 and 2 of your present 1-20 Form
2. 1-94 printout
3. Visa and biographical page of your passport (and any other documents that show you are maintaining your legal status in the US)
4. Contact your current school’s International Student Advisor and inform them of your transfer, so the process can begin in SEVIS
5. The College’s code is BOS214F002233000
6. The transfer process begins at your present school

**What if you are in Refugee Status/DACA recipient?**
1. Please send us a copy of the front and back of your permanent resident card, or any documentation that show you are maintaining your legal status in the US along with the documents attached (2020-2021 Student Estimated Expenses and Financial Certification Form)

2. If your documentation is expiring within 3 months or less of attending the College, you will need to send a receipt from USCIS showing that a renewal is in progress

**What to do next?**
In order for us to issue your I-20, please follow the instructions:
1. Complete the attached 2020-2021 Financial Certification Form
2. Attach a photocopy of your passport biographical page
3. Include a letter of support. The letter must show:
   a. The name and full address of the funding source as well as relationship of the sponsor to the student (your full name)
   b. You must be listed as the receiver of the funds
   c. The amount in USD that is being given to you
   d. The date the support will commence and any restrictions on the money
   e. Statement in the letter that the sponsor is aware it is a binding agreement
   f. Official signature of the funding sponsor/source and dated within 30 days of submission

4. Include a bank statement or a bank letter. The statement must be on an original bank letterhead and must include the following:
   a. The bank name with the address and dated within 30 days of submitting your documents
   b. The account must be in your name or in the name of your sponsor and include the actual amount or the displayed amount in the Table of Estimated Minimum Expenses in USD with a partial account number (Note: We can convert other currencies into USD but please identify the currency clearly to avoid discrepancy)

The bank letter must include:
   a. The actual amount that is being sponsored in USD in an account in your name or the sponsor’s name
   b. The amount is readily available and any restrictions that apply to the account (i.e.; annual disbursement of loan)
   c. Official signature of bank official and dated within 30 days of submission

If you have **funding sources that are other than the government**, it is recommended that sufficient funds to cover at least half of the year’s total expenses as listed in the Table of Estimated Minimum Expenses should be deposited in an international bank that has a branch in the US (specifically Massachusetts or New York).
Please also note: Your materials will be reviewed by the Registrar's Office after the deadline. You will be contacted immediately, if we need further information. Once approved, an I-20 form will be mailed to you usually within 14 business days. You will be financially responsible to cover the mailing charges. Instructions to pay for shipping will be sent right before the I-20 is created.

It is your responsibility to make sure that everything on your I-20 matches the information on your passport. Please contact us if there are discrepancies.

Return your completed 2020-2021 Financial Certification Form and all the documents by the deadline by July 12, 2020.

Please keep the original documents. We accept scans of your documents sent to registrars@neco.edu.

If you have any questions at all, you can reach us through:

Email – registrars@neco.edu

Mail – 424 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02115

We are looking forward to seeing you on Campus!
### Tuition and Fees 2020-2021

For the 2020-2021 academic year (May 11, 2020 to May 15, 2021) the Board of Trustees of The New England College of Optometry has set the tuition and fees as shown below. Allowances for books, equipment, supplies, and estimated living expenses are included in the total cost of attendance.

#### Four Year OD Program and OD/MS Dual Degree Program

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*Cost of health insurance is an estimate as the rates for the 2020-2021 academic year are yet to be determined.

Updated 04/27/2020
2020-2021 Financial Certification Form for Issuance of I-20

FULL NAME: ____________________________ / / 
   Last (Family/Surname on passport) First (Part of given name on passport) Middle (Part of given name on passport)

Country of Birth: ____________________________ Date of Birth: __________ / ______ / ______

Country of Citizenship: ____________________________

Country of Passport being used: ____________________________ Sex (check one): _____ Male _____ Female

Print Address for mailing of I-20 Form: ____________________________ Print Your International Address, if different from mailing address:

   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

Telephone Number: ____________________________ Telephone Number: ____________________________

Email address: ____________________________

Please check which program you have been admitted to:
   ______ Four Year Doctor of Optometry Program ______ MS/OD China Program, PhD/OD China Program
   ______ Accelerated Doctor of Optometry Program ______ Master of Science in Vision Science only
   ______ Advanced Standing International Program ______ Other Program ____________________________

For students bringing dependents, provide the following information on each dependent:

Name: ____________________________ / / 
   Last First Middle

Relationship to you: __________ Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Country of Birth: ____________________________

Country of Citizenship: ____________________________

Country of Passport being used: ____________________________ Date of Birth: __________ / ______ / ______

   Month    Day    Year

Name: ____________________________ / / 
   Last First Middle

Relationship to you: __________ Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Country of Birth: ____________________________

Country of Citizenship: ____________________________

Country of Passport being used: ____________________________ Date of Birth: __________ / ______ / ______

   Month    Day    Year

Name: ____________________________ / / 
   Last First Middle

Relationship to you: __________ Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Country of Birth: ____________________________

Country of Citizenship: ____________________________

Country of Passport being used: ____________________________ Date of Birth: __________ / ______ / ______

   Month    Day    Year

Please turn over and complete remainder of form.
Certification of funding is required by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services before an I-20 form can be sent to you. NECO requires proof of funding for one year for the issuance of an I-20. See ‘Tuition 2020.2021’ that is included and use the highlighted OD 2024 First Year numbers for the total amount of funds needed.

Please keep the original copies of all financial documents submitted as you will need them to obtain your visa, if required and to enter the United States. Please send us the rest.

Please complete amounts under each column showing finances for one year.

**PERSONAL FUNDS** [Attach original bank letter or statement]:

Print Name and Location of Funds below:

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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**FAMILY FUNDS** [Attach bank letter(s) or statement(s) and letter(s) of support from family member(s)]:

Print Name(s) of Family Member(s) and relationship(s) to you below:

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**AGENCY SPONSOR OR GOVERNMENT FUNDS** [Attach letter authorizing billing and/or showing award]:

Print Name of Sponsor or Government Agency below:

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**OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDS** [Attach bank letter or statement and letter of support]:

Name and Address of Individual or Organization below:

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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ONE YEAR**

Year One Total

PLEASE NOTE: Total for one year must equal or exceed the total amount required as listed in the Tuition 2020.2021 breakdown for the OD2024 First Year.

I certify that the information supplied by me is true, correct and complete. I understand that misrepresentation of any kind may revoke my admission to the College.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Print Full Name: ___________________________