



VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

Your I-20 Form is included with this notice. In order for your I-20 to be authorized by the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (USICE), you must do the following:

1. Visit the American embassy/consulate in your country with the following documents:
 - I-20 Form
 - Valid passport
 - Copies of the financial information you sent to Biblical Seminary to prove financial support
 - Letter of admissions from Biblical Seminary

Every American embassy/consulate works from the same set of regulations and laws but will have different procedures for its location. Some will require a person-to-person interview; some will collect the documents and give the student an appointment for sometime in the near future; some will give an appointment and ask the student to come back with all the documentation. If the visa is approved, you will be given the visa stamp in the passport.

The visa is a stamp in the passport indicating where the visa was issued, the date the visa was issued, the date the visa will expire, the number of entries, the type of visa, and the visa number.

- Receipt for the payment of the SEVIS I-901 fee (see www.FMJFEE.com)
2. You will be given an I-94 (which includes 3 sections: the instructions, the arrival record card, and the departure record card) to complete.
 3. At the port-of-entry, present to the immigration officer the following:
 - Valid passport with valid visa
 - I-20
 - Completed I-94 (all 3 sections)
 - Any other requested information such as financial information or admission letter
 4. The immigration officer will:
 - Return the valid passport with valid visa with USICE entry stamp
 - Return the departure record card to you (usually stapled in the passport)
 - Stamp the I-20 and return it to you immediately
 - Return any other requested information

Special Note Regarding Canadians:

Canadians do not need passports or visas to enter the US, but a passport is recommended if possible. A student should take the I-20, passport, and financial documentation to the Canadian/US border. US immigration officers will stamp the I-20 and either return it to the student or send it directly to Biblical. They will also have the student complete the I-94 and return the departure record card to the student as evidence of legal entry to the US as an F-1 student.