

## Request for Dependent I-20 (F-2 status)

Please return this form (with attachments below) to [oiss\\_forms@emich.edu](mailto:oiss_forms@emich.edu) or drop off at 240 Student Center.

The spouse and unmarried minor children (under 21 years of age) of an F-1 non-immigrant student may accompany the student to the United States or join the student at a later date. The dependent family members will be given F-2 status provided they establish to the satisfaction of the U.S. Consular and Immigration officer that they have sufficient funds to cover their expenses and that they intend to leave the United States upon completion of the F-1's status.

This form is used to request an I-20, which will allow your spouse or child to request entrance to the United States in nonimmigrant status.

### Important Immigration Rules concerning F-2 Dependents:

All F-2 non-immigrants are prohibited from engaging in **ANY** form of employment while in the United States.

F-2 non-immigrants are permitted to study part time (11 credits or less for undergraduate students, and 7 credits or less for graduate students).

Only your spouse or child may enter the United States as dependents. All other family members or friends must apply for the visa appropriate for their visit to the United States.

### Checklist of Required Documents

- Completed request form
- Copy of each dependent's passport page showing picture, biographical information, and expiration date
- Copy of marriage certificate (for a spouse request) with English translation
- Copy of birth certificate (for a child request under 21 years of age) with English translation
- Financial supporting documentation in the amount of \$6,610.00 per person. These estimates include general living expenses, and do not include the cost of health insurance or school for children.

Student Information		
_____	_____	
First Name	Last Name	
_____	_____	_____
Date of Birth	EID#	SEVIS #
_____	_____	
Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	
( ) _____	_____	
Phone Number	Gender	

Please print clearly. For each dependent, please attach a photocopy of their passport with this request.

**Dependent Information**

_____ Last Name (exactly as it appears on passport)	_____ First Name	_____ Middle	_____ Gender
_____ Relationship to F-1 student	_____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)		
_____ Country of Birth	_____ Country of Citizenship		

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_____ Last Name (exactly as it appears on passport)	_____ First Name	_____ Middle	_____ Gender
_____ Relationship to F-1 student	_____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)		
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# General Information to Prepare for your Family's Arrival

## **Cost of Supporting Dependent Family Members**

The estimated costs given above (\$6,325) include basic living expenses only. The estimates do not include the cost of health insurance or children's preschool/day care. Please read below for more information on what further costs you may need to cover for your family while they are in the United States.

## **Health Insurance**

Health care in the United States is very expensive. People without health insurance risk a lack of health care access, extremely high costs, and financial devastation in the event of even a moderate health problem. It is very important that your family members have adequate health insurance coverage at all times while they are in the United States. The yearly cost of health insurance for a female can range from \$1,500 - \$4,000, for a male spouse from \$600 - \$4,000, and for a child from \$500 - \$2,150.

## **Public School**

F-2 dependent children are eligible to attend public schools from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. No tuition will be charged. To enroll in kindergarten, a student must be 5 years old on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in which they enroll.

## **Preschool and Daycare Costs**

Children generally attend preschool for one or two years prior to enrolling in kindergarten, or from ages 3 to 5. Free or low-cost preschool programs do exist but may or may not be available. Preschool tuition ranges from approximately \$2,000 - \$4,000 per year for part-time programs and \$4,000 - \$10,000 per year for full-time programs. If your children are not enrolled in either kindergarten or preschool and will need regular care when the parent(s) will be absent, be prepared to enroll your children in a day care program licensed by the State of Michigan. Full-time day care costs can range from \$6,500 to \$13,000 per year.

## **Proof of Funding**

Proof of funding may either be a bank statement or a letter from your financial sponsor stating they will cover dependent expenses. All family members should be covered by medical insurance while they are here in the United States. The OISS needs proof of funding in the amount of \$6,325 for each dependent.

## **Additional Information**

- Each family member will be issued an I-20 that must be signed by the F-1 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 (if already in the United States).
- Family members on an F-2 dependent visa status **cannot** work on campus or off campus.
- Family members on F-2 status are allowed to study part time (11 credits or less for undergraduate students, and 7 credits or less for graduate students). Children on F-2 status may attend school full-time from kindergarten to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 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 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.

**I certify I have read the request form instructions and information in full.**

- I certify the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate.
- I understand that should my child turn 21 years of age, he or she is no longer eligible to remain in the United States as my F-2 dependent.
- I understand I must report any address changes, current (U.S.) or permanent (out of U.S.), through the my.emich.edu website within 10 days of the change.

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**F-1 Signature**

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**F-1 Printed Name**

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**Date**

*If approved, an I-20 will be issued to the student and each dependent. The dependent must travel with his/her own I-20. You will receive an email to your my.emich account if OISSS has any questions about your request and/or when your request is processed and new I-20s are ready for pick up at the OISSS front desk.*