

VISA APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR F-1 STUDENTS

- Pay SEVIS I-901 Fee at least a **WEEK** before your visa interview at the US Embassy or Consulate. Read the following links for more information on **SEVIS I-901 Fee**:
<https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>
<https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/students/student/help.htm>
- Make your appointment with the US embassy or consulate AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:
<http://evisaforms.state.gov/SchedulingSystem.asp>
- Before applying for a visa, select the website of the US consulate/embassy near you at
<http://www.usembassy.gov/>
- **Fill out the Form DS-160** (Nonimmigrant Visa Application)
<https://ceac.state.gov/GENNIV/default.aspx>
- *** PRINT YOUR CONFIRMATION AS A RECEIPT TO TAKE TO THE INTERVIEW*****
- Make sure you sign **your SEVIS I-20 Form** or Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status and **if you are under 18 a parent or guardian has to sign as well.**
- Valid passport (Machine Readable Passport is required at U.S. Borders as of June 26, 2005.)
- Acceptance/ letter of admission from Elon University Admissions Office
- Evidence of financial ability to meet expenses (e.g., bank statement)
- Evidence of English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL score) if applicable
- Be prepared to discuss, if you are asked, your strong ties to your home country (e.g., marriage certificate, housing/mortgage agreement, job assignment after F-1 period, a letter/contract letter from current employer, all with English translation) and your intention to depart the U.S. after completion of your degree
- One (1) photograph (see the format explained in nonimmigrant photograph requirements
http://travel.state.gov/visa/visaphotoreq/digitalimagereq/digitalimagereq_5327.html)
- Machine Readable Visa (MRV) surcharge fee (check the fee with the U.S. Embassy/Consulate in your area)
- Visa reciprocity fee (if applicable) http://travel.state.gov/visa/fees/fees_3272.html

Reference: NAFSA Advisor's Manual (2004 release) published by NAFSA