

Office of International Programs

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If you have a spouse or child/children that you would like to sponsor for a dependent I-20 and F-2 visa, then you will need to provide the following documentation to the Office of International Programs:

1. Letter indicating the reason why you want add your dependent: Including full name, what relation they have with you, date of birth, country of birth, country of citizenship, and gender.
2. New Financial Statement Form
 - a. Must be Notarized.
 - b. Go to Admissions webpage for recent [Financial Statement Forms](#).
3. New Official Bank Letter.
 - a. The approximate expense per year is \$8,889 for a spouse and \$6,642 for each child. Therefore, the updated bank letter must show the total estimated cost of expenses as well as the additional cost of each dependent.
 - b. Your spouse and/or child should keep copies of the financial statement and bank letter to bring to the U.S. Embassy when requesting the F-2 visa.
4. Copy of your spouse's or child's passport informational page.
5. Copy of your marriage license or child's birth certificate.
6. If your dependent is already in the U.S. on a different visa, then please also submit a copy of his/her current visa and I-94 card.

Once this documentation has been received by the Office of International Programs, you will be notified when the dependent I-20 is ready.

Once your dependent obtains the I-20, they will need to bring the I-20 and additional documentation to the U.S. Embassy when requesting the F-2 visa. You can also find more information regarding making the embassy appointment and procedures from <http://www.usembassy.gov/>.

When your dependent arrives in Chicago, then please submit a copy of their F-2 visa, and I-94 copy to the Office of International Programs.

Your dependent will be in status as long as you are in status according to your F-1 visa.

Please note the following work and study restrictions:

- Dependents on an F-2 visa are **NOT permitted to work at all**.
- F-2 spouses may NOT engage in full-time study, but are permitted to take "recreational" classes or avocational study. F2 Spouse must apply for change of status and be granted for post-secondary level.
- F-2 children may only engage in full-time study at the K-12 level and recreational and avocational study. F2 child must apply for change of status and be granted for post-secondary level.