

## Applying to Become a Non-Immigrant student

1. If you have been accepted at Fourth Baptist Christian School as a student for the coming school year then you have been issued a form I-20.
2. If the student decides to attend our school, then the student must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee. You may get that information on the SEVP web site at [www.ice.gov/sevis](http://www.ice.gov/sevis). This fee must be paid prior to applying for a student visa. Make sure that you have a receipt (Form I-797) and keep that with you as proof of payment when applying for your student visa. This payment only has to be made one time. The student will need the I-20 issued from our school in order to complete that form.
3. The prospective student then applies to one of the following: Their local US consulate or embassy for a visa (if not visa exempt) must apply to their local US consulate or embassy for an **F-1 visa**. You can get further information on the following web site: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>. The website will have information on how to apply for a student visa and how to make an interview appointment. The above web site has links to your appropriate country's embassy or consulate.
4. When going to the interview, the student must bring the following to their appointment:
  - a. A signed Form I-20 issued by the school the student plans to attend.
  - b. A completed application Form DS-156, together with a Form DS-158. Both forms must be completed and signed. Some applicants will also be required to complete and sign Form DS-157. Children need a separate form, even if they are included in a parent's passport.
  - c. A passport valid for at least six months after the proposed date of entry into the United States.
  - d. One (1) 2"x2" photograph.
  - e. A fee receipt to show payment of the visa application fee, a visa issuance fee if applicable and a separate SEVIS I-901 fee receipt.
  - f. Other forms you may want to have with you just in case they are asked for:
    - Transcripts of the academics of the student
    - Scores from any standardized testing taken by the student
    - Financial evidence showing that the prospective student has sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses during the period of intended stay.