

## Recommended Documents for Applying for a Renewed F1 Visa

1. Your current I-20 with a current Travel Authorization stamp on page 3
2. Your current passport
3. Official, sealed transcripts from the Registrar's Office
4. A letter of good standing from the International Student Office
5. Financial documents demonstrating at least \$25,000. Note that financial documents must be:
  - a. No older than 6 months at the time of your visa interview
  - b. Accompanied by a letter promising financial support if they come from a sponsor
6. Proof of ties to your home country. This can include:
  - a. Proof of personal property ownership
  - b. Proof of family property ownership
  - c. Proof of family business holdings or investments
7. Your plan for what you will do in your home country after you graduate. This demonstrates an intention to return to your home country after you graduate.

**Please note** that if you are on OPT and your visa has expired we do not recommend traveling outside the United States. The F1 visa is granted for the purpose of study, so traveling with the intent to return to the U.S. to work could constitute a good reason for the consular officer to reject your application for visa renewal.

If you completed a change of status from B2 to F1 within the United States and plan to travel, you **must** apply for a new F1 visa if you depart the U.S. Please be prepared to explain why you chose to change your status within the U.S. instead of applying for your F1 visa abroad.

## Recommended Documents for Applying for a Renewed F1 Visa

1. Your current I-20 with a current Travel Authorization stamp on page 3
2. Your current passport
3. Official, sealed transcripts from the Registrar's Office
4. A letter of good standing from the International Student Office
5. Financial documents demonstrating at least \$25,000. Note that financial documents must be:
  - a. No older than 6 months at the time of your visa interview
  - b. Accompanied by a letter promising financial support if they come from a sponsor
6. Proof of ties to your home country. This can include:
  - a. Proof of personal property ownership
  - b. Proof of family property ownership
  - c. Proof of family business holdings or investments
7. Your plan for what you will do in your home country after you graduate. This demonstrates an intention to return to your home country after you graduate.

**Please note** that if you are on OPT and your visa has expired we do not recommend traveling outside the United States. The F1 visa is granted for the purpose of study, so traveling with the intent to return to the U.S. to work could constitute a good reason for the consular officer to reject your application for visa renewal.

If you completed a change of status from B2 to F1 within the United States and plan to travel, you **must** apply for a new F1 visa if you depart the U.S. Please be prepared to explain why you chose to change your status within the U.S. instead of applying for your F1 visa abroad.