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# Request to Add F-2 Dependent I-20 Form

## **F-2 Dependents**

F-1 students may add a dependent to their SEVIS I-20 record also known as an F-2 dependent that are allowed to stay in the United States only for the duration of the F-1 student's study period. To qualify as a dependent, he/she must be legally married to the F-1 student or must be a child of the F-1 (under the age of 21 years old). Unmarried spouses must be married to the F-1 by the time the visa application is applied for at a U.S. consulate or embassy.

Please understand that regulations to the F-2 dependent during their stay in the United States:

- **Employment:** F-2 dependents may NOT work or have employment of any kind and are not eligible for Social Security Numbers.
- Vocational Classes: F-2 dependents may enroll in part-time classes as long as they are "vocational or recreational in nature"
- **Changing to a full-time adult student:** F-2 adult dependents may file for a change of status to F-1 if the F-2 wants to change to a full-time student.
- Academic Studies: F-2 children may engage in academic studies as a full-time student only from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- **International Travel:** F-2 dependents may depart and re-enter the U.S. as long as they have proper travel documentation.

For more information on F-2 dependents, please visit https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/dependents

## **Required Documents & Checklist:**

#### STEP 1: REQUEST FOR AN F-2 FORM I-20 FROM WESTCLIFF

- 1) Complete the Request to Add F-2 Dependent I-20 Form
- 2) Payment Receipt for Dependent I-20 \$100 Processing Fee (http://admissions.westcliff.edu/payment/)
- 3) F-2 dependent passport (for at least six months)
- 4) Complete WU Affidavit of Support Form
- 5) Updated bank statement (within 3 months)

#### **STEP 2: GATHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR F-2 VISA INTERVIEW**

- 1) F-2 dependent I-20 (original copy)
- 2) Copies of F-1 Student Information:
  - a. Photocopy of F-1 I-20
  - b. Photocopy of F-1 visa
  - c. Photocopy of F-1 valid passport
  - d. Transcript of F-1 to verify full-time enrollment
- 3) F-2 dependent passport (for at least six months)
- 4) Proof of family relationships: marriage certificate/birth certificate (English translation needed)
- 5) Complete the online Form DS-160
- 6) Upload the F-2 dependent's photograph on the online Form DS-160
- 7) Updated bank statement (within 3 months)
- 8) Evidence that F-2 dependent will depart when the F-1's education is completed
- 9) Health Insurance for dependent

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## F-2 Dependent I-20 Request Form

Last Name First Name			SEVIS No.
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	Program Level	Program Start Date	Phone Number
Number of Dependents	Dependent Estimated Date of Arrival	1	

Relationship	Last Name	First Name	Gender	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship

By signing this form, I certify that I have read and understand the instructions on the request form. I confirm that the information I have included is true and accurate. I understand that the F-2 dependent's I-20 will only be valid as long as I fulfill my obligations as an F-1 international student. I understand that I must report any changes that may occur during my stay in the United States in a prompt manner. I must also consult with the DSO at Westcliff University any travels plans for my F-2 dependent outside of the U.S.

Student Signature: \_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_