



Global Flight Training Solutions

SEVIS and TSA Information for International Students

General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program is a program within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to manage foreign students and exchange visitors in the United States through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.

If the Department of State issues you M student visa, this means that you are coming to the United States to study. You should not take any action that detracts from that purpose.

Maintaining your status means:

- Fulfilling the purpose for why the Department of State issued you your visa.
- Following the regulations associated with that purpose.

M-1 students enroll in vocational programs. Depending on the length of the program, it determines how long you can stay in the country.

When arriving to the United States, M students must:

- Enter the United States no more than 30 days before your program of study begins.
- Immediately contact your designated school official (DSO) when you enter the United States.
- When you arrive at school, you need to contact your DSO again, no later than the program start date listed on your [Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status."](#)

While studying in the United States, M students must:

- Attend all your classes and maintain normal academic progress. (Minimum 22 clock hours a week)
- Maintain a full course of study each term. If you cannot study full time, contact your DSO immediately.
- Speak to your DSO before dropping a class.
- Talk to your DSO about requesting a possible program extension if you do not think you will complete your program of study by the end date listed on your Form I-20. An extension must be requested before your program end date.

Upon Program Completion

M students must take action to maintain legal status or depart the United States after completing your program of study.

M students have 30 days after completion of their program (the program end date on your Form I-20) to leave the United States. The latest date you may remain in the United States is the "admit until" date on your [Form I-94, "Arrival/Departure Record,"](#) unless you filed for an extension with USCIS.

Talk with your DSO First

If you are M student studying in the United States, your DSO should be the first person you talk with if you have any questions regarding the legal requirements of your stay in the United States. Your DSO can assist in answering your questions or help you find someone who can help.

M-1 students should speak with their DSO if they are planning to do any of the following:

- Take a break from school.
- Travel outside the United States.
- Move to a new address.
- Request a program extension.

Application Process

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires all international students to conduct all their flight training only at a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight school which has been approved under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 141. Global Flight Training Solutions (GFTS) Flight School is a FAR Part 141 FAA school approved for private pilot training. The M-1 Visa is required for international students taking flight training in the United States.

The first step in applying for an M-1 Visa is filling out the required flight school pre-admission application; this can be done contacting us via email at **info@globalflighttrainingsolutions.com** and we will send you the pre-admission application for you to fill up and send it back to us. It is very important that you list all the information requested to have the SEVIS I-20 Form properly completed by our office. Be sure the information given matches your **passport identification** exactly. Upon receipt of the completed application information and the required fee paid, the DOSs Officer will personally contact you. He or she will guide you through the Visa process with detail instructions to prepare you for the U.S. Consulate or Embassy interview.

The SEVIS I-20 Form is an electronic government system to track international students coming to the United States for educational purposes. The application provides information on the student. GFTS office takes the information provided by you on the GFTS application to fill out the SEVIS I-20 computer form on your behalf. Once this is done, your visa process can be started.

Please complete the credit card authorization section of the GFTS application form and submit this information with a copy of your current passport. The credit card authorization allows the flight school to charge your credit card for the Administration Fee (\$2000). The security deposit will be held by the school until completion of your training program or your withdrawal from training. These funds will be used towards your final billing at completion of training.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The documents required to obtain an M-1 Visa are as follows:

- GFTS Admissions Form and Fee (Student's Responsibility)
- SEVIS I-20 Form (filled out by GFTS Admissions Office)
- SEVIS Filing Fee, online form I-901 (Student's Responsibility)
- TSA Training Request and Fee (Student's Responsibility)

- Consulate or Embassy interview (Student's Responsibility)

U.S. CONSULATE OR EMBASSY APPOINTMENT

Once you have received your I-20 by Email from Global Flight Training Solutions, you will need to pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html#>. You MUST pay this fee before making an appointment with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country. You will need to bring your signed I-20 form from the training school and proof of I-901 payment. Also check the webpage of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country for additional information and requirements.

All Visa applications are required to have the following items:

- Non-Immigrant Visa application FORM DS-160 must be filled out and signed. The form is to be filled out online.
- Current Passport
- Photograph – Please check with your nearest Consulate or Embassy for specifications before you get your picture taken
- Application fees must be paid
- Evidence of funds to cover your expenses while in the United States
- Evidence of compelling social and economic ties abroad

Once you get approved for your M Visa you must register with the Flight Training Security Program (FTSP) which is Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to get clearance for flight training, <https://www.fts.tsa.dhs.gov/home>.

When you open to the webpage click in register option (right upper corner) and select Candidate Portal in order to create an Account (<https://www.fts.tsa.dhs.gov/home/candidateregistration>) and follow the steps. There are four TSA training categories; you will be training under Category 3. Make sure that you download your passport, visa, I-20 upfront. You will be asked to submit your documentation. Also, you will be asked to pay the TSA fee, which is done online.

Here are the steps as an overview. Keep in mind that the actual flight training can not be started until you receive the final approval of FTSP.

TSA REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS

- 1.) Go to the Transportation and Security Administration (TSA) website "Flight Training Security Program (FTSP)" located at <https://www.fts.tsa.dhs.gov/home>
- 2.) Register as a "Candidate"
- 3.) You will receive your User ID and Password sent to the personal e-mail account that you provided to the TSA within seconds usually.
- 4.) Return to the TSA website and login with your User ID and Password and change the Password to something that you will remember.
- 5.) Before you start to register, make sure to download passport, Visa, I-20... upfront.
- 6.) Fill out and save each page as you finish. On the page which indicates your provider (Global Flight Training Solutions) we are listed as Global Flight Training Solutions, Inc on the drop-down list. Your category of flight training will be Category 3 (under 12,500 lbs.) If you have any questions, you may contact us at any time.
- 7.) After you have completed all the sections you will validate and submit your application. At this time, any errors that may have occurred will be shown and you may correct them.
- 8.) Global Flight Training Solutions will receive an email asking us to validate that you will be training with us. Usually within an hour. After we confirm that you will be training with our school, you will receive an email asking you to pay the fee. Please print a copy of the confirmation of

payment. Keep this for yourself and send one to the school for your file. Our email info@globalflighttrainingsolutions.com

9.) After paying the application fee, you will receive an e-mail stating "Payment Received-Fingerprint Instructions". These instructions are very important. Please read the entire e-mail. Keep a printed copy of it.

10.) Since there are only a few countries who provide TSA fingerprints outside the USA, The fingerprints will be done once you arrive in the USA, by a TSA authorized fingerprint collector. Global Flight Training will schedule you with fingerprint collector once you arrive at the school, (before appointment with collector you must register with <https://secure.natacs.aero/FTSP/registration/index.asp> .

11.) Once the fingerprints are processed, Student and Flight School will receive an email with authorization to start training, "Final Approval".

TRAVEL PLANS AND U.S. PORT OF ENTRY

Once you have accomplished all the above procedures and purchased your airline tickets, you are ready to enter the United States at a Port-of-Entry (POE). You MUST provide GFTS with the details of your travel arrangements. By email (info@globalflighttrainingsolutions.com), send us the following information;

- Name of Airline
- Flight Number
- Arrival Airport, date, and flight arrival time

The Form I-94 will be available online once you passed U.S. Immigration at POE.

<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/recent-search>

POSITIVE TRAINING ACCOUNT

Once you are at the training school, you are required to always maintain a positive training balance on your account. The required Security Deposit that you paid prior to entering the United States is **NOT** part of your training funds but may be applied at the end of your training program towards your final bill assuming all other financial accounts are paid-in-full.

The Security Deposit you paid will be held by the school until the completion of your training program or your withdrawal from training, but it is **NOT** part of the required positive account training balance.

I certify that I have read the information of *Global Flight Training Solutions SEVIS and TSA Information*.

Signature_____ Date_____

Print Name _____

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

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Best regards
Your GFTS-Team



I-20 Pre-Application Form

Required Information for your I-20 to receive the M1 Student Visa

This form lists the required Information by US Immigration Authorities to issue your I-20. Please write legible and in English. use "umlauts" as follows: ae, ue, oe

General Information

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name

Date of Birth (month/day/year)

Gender

☐ Female

☐ Male

Country of Birth

Country of Citizenship

Contact information HOME COUNTRY

Street Address

City

Province or Territory

Postal Code

Country of Residence

Telephone Number

Email

Program Start Date

(month/day/year)

Program Complete Date

(month/day/year)

Cost of Training

Living Expenses

Source of Expenses

(Self, Sponsor)

Desired Training

• PPL Private

Type of Aircraft

• C172

Previous Experience

Total hours: _____

Ratings held: _____

Airplanes flown: _____



CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Please write in English, use "umlauts as ae, ue, oe)

In lieu of my credit card imprint, I _____
(Name of the cardholder exactly as shown on credit card)

Hereby authorize Global Flight Training Solutions, Inc. to charge my order to the following credit card

☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Card number _____

Expiration Date _____

CVV Security Code (3/4 digits / AX front of the card) _____

The billing address as it appears on my credit card statement

Street name _____

Address (continued) _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Country _____

Email Address for receipt _____

Phone Number (Home) _____

Phone Number (Cell) _____

Cardholder authorized billing amount

\$ 2000.00

By signing below and submitting for payment, I acknowledge the Terms & Conditions. I also agree to waive any charge back rights and in the event of a dispute, requests for a refund must be submitted in writing to Global Flight Training Solutions, Inc

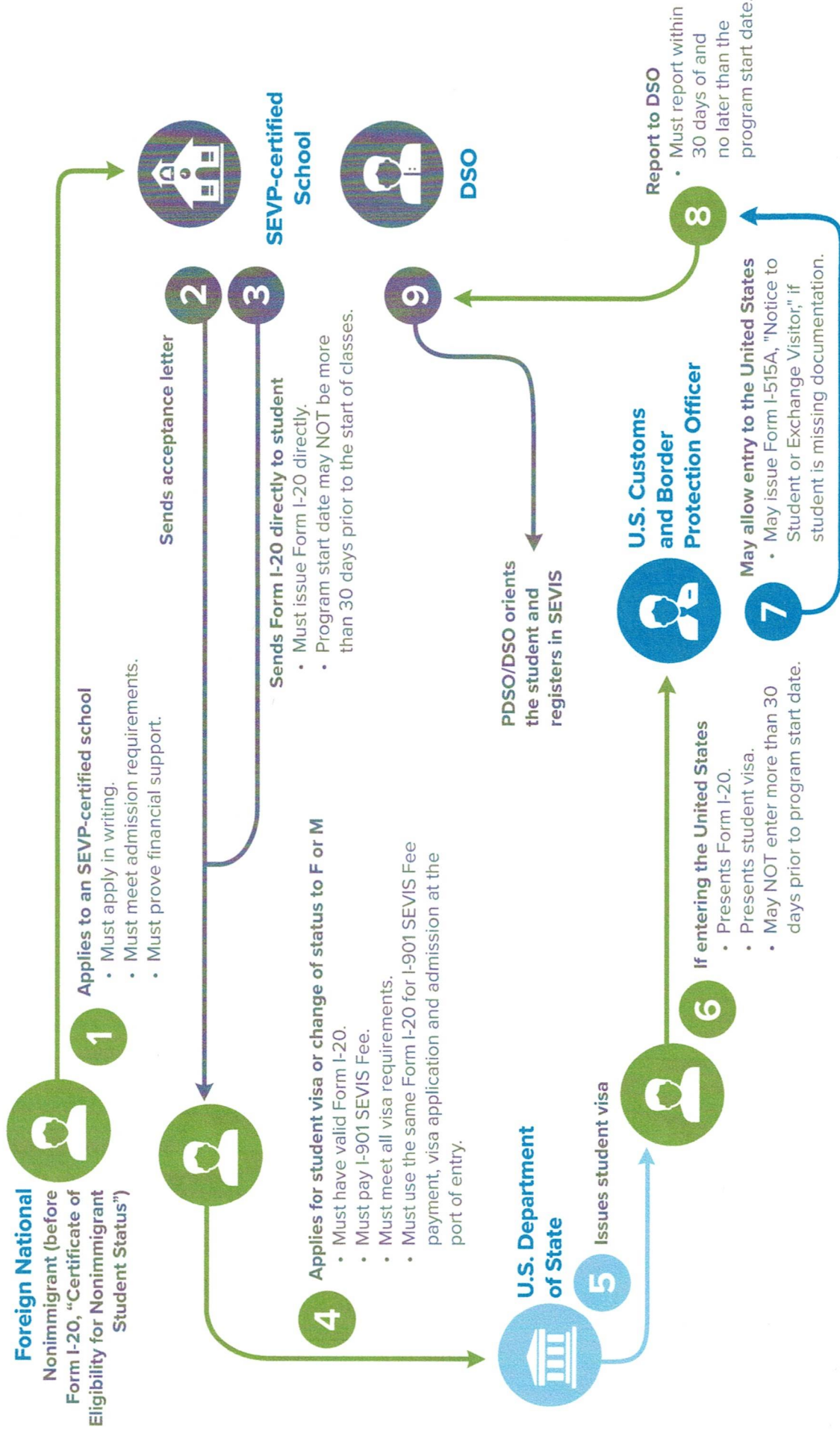
Signature as it appears on cardholder's credit card _____
Today's date _____

This form must be completed in full, and all information must be true and correct in order for your payment to be processed.

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Getting Students Ready to Enter the United States

Understanding the initial steps is key to properly maintaining SEVIS records.



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Pre-Calculation International Students (M 1 Visa) PPL

FAA 141 PPL Training (based on minimum requirements)	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Ground Instruction (including Pre/Debriefing)	33.50	\$65.00	\$ 2,177.50
Dual Flight instruction	29.40	\$224.00	\$ 6,585.60
Solo Flight	5.60	\$159.00	\$ 890.40
			\$ -
FAA Checkride with Examiner	3.00	\$159.00	\$ 477.00
FAA Examiner Fee			\$ 800.00
Private Pilot Written Exam via PSIEXAMS			\$175.00
Gleim PPL Kit (online) Cost of Kit	35.00		\$ 307.35
TOTAL			\$ 11,412.85

"Costs are based on minimum Part 141 requirements, any additional hours will be billed at rates shown above"

Accommodation / Courtesy Car	DAYS	RATE	AMOUNT
Apartment (5 Weeks)			\$ 1,500.00
Courtesy Car Toyota SUV incl. basic insurance			\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 1,500.00
			\$ 12,912.85

External Fees	DAYS	RATE	AMOUNT
NATA Compliance Services (Fingerprinting)			\$99.00
I-901 SEVIS Fee M1 Visa			\$350.00
DS-160 U.S. Embassy registration fee			\$185.00
TSA (Department of Homeland Security) registration for PPL training			\$130.00
FAA 3rd class Medical (FAA Medical Examiner online reservation)			\$130.00
Aircraft Renter's Insurance yearly			\$250.00
TOTAL			\$1,144.00

External Fees do not include FTSP Fingerprint collector charges \$150.00

ESTIMATE TOTAL	\$ 14,056.85
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External Costs

GFTS can only state the costs for External Fees as approximate costs, as they are charged by the third-party provider. All external fees are being paid by the student directly.