Visa Process, SEVIS & TSA

Your Journey to Flight Training in the United States

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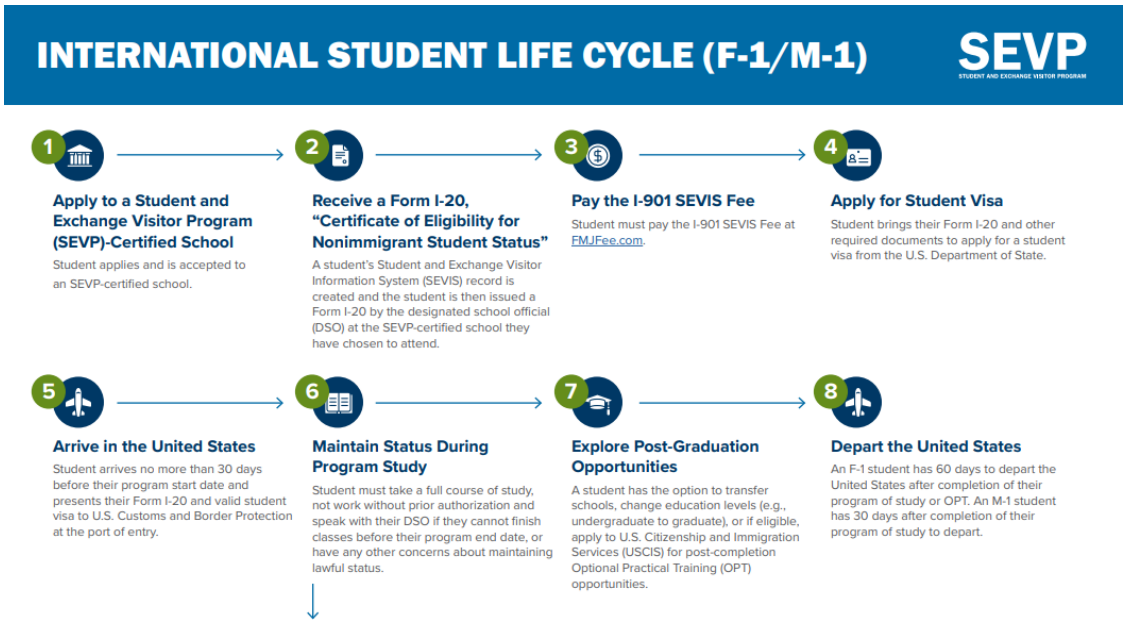
Starting flight training in the United States involves a few important administrative steps. At Global Flight Training Solutions, we understand that the process may seem complicated, especially if you are applying from another country. Our Admissions team will guide you through the entire process, from your initial application to the necessary approvals before training begins.

1. M-1 Visa & SEVIS Process

International students enrolling in our eligible Part 141 professional pilot program must obtain the appropriate M-1 student visa.

The process generally includes:

1. **Submit Your Application:** Complete the GFTS pre-admission application and provide the required documentation.
2. **Receive Your Form I-20:** Once accepted, our Designated School Official (DSO) will prepare your Form I-20 through the SEVIS system.
3. **Pay the SEVIS Fee:** Pay the required I-901 SEVIS fee.
4. **Apply for Your M-1 Visa:** Complete the visa application and attend your appointment at the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate.
5. **Prepare for Arrival:** Once your visa is approved, coordinate your travel plans with our team and prepare for your arrival in Florida.



Our Admissions Officers and DSO will explain each step, provide the necessary instructions, and help you prepare the documentation required throughout the process.

2. TSA Flight Training Security Program (FTSP)

Before beginning applicable flight training, students who are subject to TSA requirements must complete the Flight Training Security Program (FTSP) process and receive final approval.

This generally involves:

- Creating an account on the TSA FTSP portal.
- Submitting the required personal and identification documents.
- Selecting Global Flight Training Solutions as your training provider.
- Completing the applicable payment and fingerprinting requirements (at your arrival in the US).
- Waiting for final TSA approval.

Our team will help you understand the process, verify the required information, and coordinate the necessary steps. **Flight training cannot begin until the required TSA approval has been received.**

3. What About Time-Building Students?

International pilots enrolling in our time-building programs generally do not require an M-1 student visa. However, other requirements may still apply (like the validation of your foreign pilot license): our team will explain the appropriate pathway and guide you through the required procedures before your training begins.

4. We Guide You Every Step of the Way

You don't have to navigate the process alone. From completing your initial application and obtaining your I-20 to preparing for your visa appointment, TSA clearance, and arrival in Florida, our team will be there to assist you.

We will provide detailed instructions and the relevant documentation at each stage, so you know what to expect and what needs to be completed.

Your focus should be on preparing for your aviation journey. We'll help you take care of the steps needed to get here.

Please note: Visa issuance and TSA approval are determined by the relevant U.S. government authorities. GFTS can provide guidance and administrative support but cannot guarantee visa issuance, TSA approval, or processing times. Government fees and other applicable expenses are the student's responsibility. Full SEVIS and TSA instructions, including detailed procedures and fee information, will be provided to prospective students during enrollment.