

Family Name: _____ First/Given Name: _____ UIN: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Phone #: _____ Major(s): _____

Degree Level: Bachelor Master Doctorate Other _____

Eligibility Requirements

The spouse and any unmarried minor children (under age 21) of the F-1 /J-1 student are eligible to enter the United States in F-2/J-2 dependent status. F-2 /J-2 status cannot be granted to parents or other relatives. Dependents must be in possession of their own SEVIS issued I-20 or DS-2019 in order to apply for an F-2/ J-2 visa and enter the U.S. in F-2 /J-2 status.

Entering the U.S.: F-2 /J-2 dependents may enter at the same time as the F-1/J-1 student, or may join the previously admitted F-1 /J-1 at a later time. Each dependent must present their own SEVIS issued I-20 or DS-2019, F-2 /J-2 visa (except for Canadian citizens) and a passport (not to expire within six months) at the time of entry into the U.S..

Employment: F-2 dependents may not accept employment in the U.S. J-2 dependents are permitted to apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. In order to be work-eligible in the U.S., employment may not begin until the EAD card has been received and the start date on the card has been reached. Please visit the Office of International Services (OIS) for more information.

Study: Full-time study is not permitted for the F-2 spouse; however avocational or recreational study is permitted (e.g. English language courses, music/pottery classes). If the F-2 spouse wishes to study full-time they must first be admitted to a college or university. Then they would need to request a change of status to that of F-1. F-2 children may only engage in full-time study at the kindergarten through 12th grade level. F-2 children who wish to study full-time beyond high school must apply for a change of status to F-1. J-2 dependents are eligible for degree-seeking study in the U.S. as long as the primary J-1 visa holder is maintaining their status. J-2s will not be eligible for on-campus employment unless they possess an EAD card.

Extension of Status: F-2 and J-2 dependents are covered by the extension of stay granted to the F-1 or J-1 visa holder.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the *Add Dependent* request form, including the dependent information section.
2. Attach copies of the biographical pages of the dependents' passports.
3. Attach *Financial Support* form (available online at ois.uic.edu) and financial documents to show that the student can cover living expenses for their dependent for a period of one academic year or for the time remaining on the I-20 or DS-2019, whichever is shorter.
4. Submit the *Add Dependent* request form and required supporting documents to OIS. Please plan accordingly when submitting this request.

As the undersigned, I have read the above and understand the need to maintain my F-1 or J-1 lawful immigration status. I also understand that immigration regulations are subject to change, and ultimately it is my responsibility to be aware of such changes. Further, I hereby authorize the University to disclose copies of documents related to my immigration status to federal agencies if requested to maintain compliance.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Dependent Information

If a student will be accompanied by their spouse and/or children, they must certify to the U.S. Embassy or Consular office that the student has additional financial resources before dependent visas can be issued. The approximate expense **per month** for the first dependent is \$700 and \$500 for each additional dependent. Please attach copies of dependent's passport in addition to providing the information below:

If the student is requesting I-20s/DS-2019s for more than three dependents, please complete and attach a separate Dependent Information page.

Dependent 1

Family Name: _____ First/Given Name: _____

Relationship (spouse or child): _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Gender: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ City of Birth: _____

Country of Legal Permanent Residence: _____

Dependent 2

Family Name: _____ First/Given Name: _____

Relationship (spouse or child): _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Gender: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ City of Birth: _____

Country of Legal Permanent Residence: _____

Dependent 3

Family Name: _____ First/Given Name: _____

Relationship (spouse or child): _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Gender: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ City of Birth: _____

Country of Legal Permanent Residence: _____