

Being Early or Late Can Get Your Visa Cancelled

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I just got an admission in my top choice university in the US! Now what?

Ask your university to send you an I-20 SEVIS form. Once you receive the form, you can log on to www.ustraveldocs.com/in <<http://www.ustraveldocs.com/in>> and fill out your profile and the DS-160 application form. Then pay your visa fee through Electronic Transfer Funds (EFT), your mobile phone, or at any one of thousands of Axis or Citibank locations around India, and you can schedule your appointments for fingerprints and an interview.

What should I bring to the interview?

The visa officer will guide you the documents you need to bring along. Check the Consulate website to see what else you can bring, and what security won't allow you to bring onto the Consulate grounds. Do not bring any fraudulent documents to a visa interview or you could become permanently ineligible to travel to the United States.

What will the visa officer ask me about during the interview?

The visa officer needs to know three things before she/he can issue you a student visa: That your primary purpose or main reason for going to the United States is to study; that you have the finances to pay for your education; and that you have a plan for after you finish your education. The officer may ask you a variety of questions which will allow them to confirm those three things.

Will the officer still give me a visa if I have a student loan?

As long as you can convince the officer you have the finances to pay for your education and you have the true documents to support your claims, you should be fine. Please note that you should never ever give fake documents to a visa or immigration officer.

What happens if the officer tells me that my case requires further administrative processing?

You will have to wait until the administrative processing is complete. Please do not contact us for an update until 60 days after your interview. You should contact your university and request an extension of your start date and an updated I-20 form. You should not book your airline tickets until your passport is returned to you as processing time can vary.

What happens if my application is rejected?

If you don't get a visa, the officer should give you a paper with the reason for your refusal. You can always apply again, but if you are getting multiple refusals, you should look at the reasons for your refusals and see if there is a way that you can overcome them. You should be completely honest with the next officer about your previous refusals.

The officer told me that my visa has been issued! Now what?

Wait for a text message that will inform you that your passport is ready for collection. Once you have it, remember that you can't travel until 30 days before the start date on your I-20, but don't be late.

Being too early or too late can get you sent back to India, and your visa may also be canceled. Also, please keep in mind that a visa only gives you permission to travel to a U.S. port-of-entry and apply for admission. The immigration officer at the port-of-entry decides whether you can actually enter and for how long. Please remember to bring all your documents with you on the plane!

Do you have any last advice for an F-1 visa applicant?

Always be honest in your application and interviews. If you are honest, the worst that can happen is that you will not get a visa, but if you bring in fraudulent documents or lie to the visa officer, you can become permanently ineligible to ever travel to the United States.