

CHANGE OF STATUS

Change of status applies to students who are currently F-2, H-1 or others and who wish to change to F-1 while in the United States. **This should be done before the expiration of your present status.**

You can also return to your home country and apply for an F-1 visa.

Procedures for applying for change of status:

1. The student must be accepted at or be attending Dominican University (see exceptions to attendance below) as a full-time student. You must send the following by **certified mail/return receipt requested to:**

USCIS
P.O Box 660166
Dallas TX 75266

- A completed **I-539** (see me for form)
- A new, **original SEVIS I-20 form** (see me for form)
- Photocopy of your **I-94 card, visa and passport**
- Proof of financial support
- Explanation as to why you wish to change your status
- Proof of your current status which is valid either up to the time of the start date of the program or no more than 30 days before the start date.
- **Certified check or money order made payable to Department of Homeland Security for \$290.00**
- **Proof of payment of \$200 SEVIS fee www.fmjfee.com**

2. Change of Status is NOT a visa. If you leave the U.S., you must go to your home country to obtain an F-1 visa in order to re-enter.

This is **not** for persons here under VISA WAIVER.

B-2 and F-2 non-immigrants changing to F-1 may not attend until the Change of Status has been approved.