# F1 vs. J1 Student Visa

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| **F-1 visa student** | I-20 Form required for application. | Non-immigrant visa: Must prove that there is no intent to immigrate | F-2 dependents cannot work and may only take part-time classes in a degree program. | F1 may apply for Curricular Practical Training or Optional Practical Training | - I-20 may be issued to cover the dates of entire program if financial documentation is provided for the first year.  
- Student is self-sponsored, sponsored by family or supported through a scholarship, fellowship. |

| **J-1 visa student** | DS-2019 Form required for application | Non-immigrant visa: Must prove that there is no intent to immigrate  
May be subject to the two year residency requirement | J-2 dependents may attend full time or part time classes and are eligible to apply for work authorization. | J1s may apply for Academic Training | - DS-2019 must be issued only for the dates that a student can show funding. If student only has funding for one year, the DS-2019 dates will cover only that amount of time but is eligible for an extension.  
- If student is part of an approved Exchange Program, must come on a J1 visa  
- If student is sponsored by home government should come on a J1 visa. |