

An international student can request a dependent I-20 for his/her spouse and/or dependent child (under the age of 21) to allow the family member to apply for an F-2 visa. If you would like to request a dependent I-20, please complete the Dependent Request Form. You will need to submit a copy of the dependent's passport and proof of funding.

Extended family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousin etc.) are not eligible for the dependent F-2 visa and therefore should enter the U.S. on a visitor visa or under the Visa Waiver Program. The visitor visa is a nonimmigrant visa used for the purposes of temporary entry to the US for either business (B-1), or for pleasure (B-2). For more information about the visitor visa, please visit the U.S. Department of State website.

To invite extended family members, it is recommended that you, the student, write an invitation letter and provides copies of documents that prove your status here in the U.S. The International Student Services office does not write Invitation Letters for family members. Below is a list of recommended documents to give to the family member(s) you are inviting:

1. Proof of Enrollment:
 - a. Obtain Enrollment Verification Letter from the Registrar's Office
2. Photocopies of your immigration documents:
 - a. Passport
 - b. I-20
3. Financial Documents:
 - a. If you plan to financially support your family member(s) during their stay in the U.S., you will need to provide financial documents to the invited family member(s).
4. Invitation Letter:
 - a. Please refer to the Sample Invitation Letter. The letter should be written in English.

**Please note that providing family members with the above stated documents may increase their chances of obtaining a visa, however, there is no guarantee that a visa will be issued. The success of the applicant's visa application is determined by the consular officer. **

SAMPLE INVITATION LETTER

Date _____

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is **(student's name)** and I am a F-1 international student studying at California State University, Dominguez Hills pursuing a **(bachelor's/master's)** degree in **(field of study)**.

I would like to invite the following individuals for a temporary stay in the U.S. for the period from **(start and end date of travel)**. The purpose of the visit is _____.

Student's Information:

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Passport Number: _____ Valid Until: _____

Relationship to guest _____

Visitor's Information:

Name as stated on their passport: _____

Current Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Passport Number: _____ Valid Until: _____

Occupation in Home Country: _____

Name and Address of Employer: _____

Source of Funding During Stay in U.S.: _____

Student's Signature

Student's Printed Name