CHANGE OF STATUS – F1 STUDENT TO F2 DEPENDENT

In order to change from a student to dependent status, your F-1 spouse must be in the United States in valid F-1 status at the time you are requesting this change.

NOTE: if you are traveling outside of the U.S., you can accomplish the change by taking a dependent I-20 and obtain an F-2 Visa at a U.S. Consulate for re-entry to the U.S. All documents normally required for a visa will be required (i.e. valid passport, financial verification and proof of relationship to F-1 student i.e., marriage certificate).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

PART 1: Make an appointment and bring the following to the Graduate School:

1. Completed I-20 Update Request
2. Form I-94
3. Original Form I-20
4. A copy of your marriage certificate (English translation required)
5. Passport
6. Financial verification ($2000 per dependent)

PART 2: The student just send the following documents to the lockbox

1. Completed Form I-539
2. A $290.00 check or money order made payable to Department of Homeland Security
3. A copy of your marriage certificate (English translation required)
4. A copy of your spouse’s Form I-94 and Form I-20
5. Copy of your Form I-94 and Form I-20
6. Copies of the data pages in each individual’s passport
7. Documentation which verifies source and amount of financial support

PART 3: Send the documents from PART 2 by certified mail to either:

For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Deliveries:

USCIS
P.O. Box 660166
Dallas, TX 75266

For Express Mail and Courier Deliveries:

USCIS
ATTN: I-539
2501 S. State Hwy 121 Business
Suite 400
Lewisville, TX 75067

Note: It may take up to 6 months to get a response from USCIS. If you have not received an answer after 5 months from the date the application was received by USCIS, speak with the international student adviser. You can check your status at http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis with your receipt number.

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