



START HERE!

If you are interested in studying in the United States, the first thing to do is research the school or program that is best for you. Only schools that are certified by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program are authorized to accept international students. All Diocese of Arlington Schools are certified to accept international students. A listing of diocesan schools can be found [HERE \(http://arlingtondiocese.org/Our-Schools/Schools-Directory/\)](http://arlingtondiocese.org/Our-Schools/Schools-Directory/)

CHANGE OF STATUS

You may have to change your [nonimmigrant status](#) if you are already in the United States on a valid nonimmigrant visa for a purpose other than attending school, such as for tourism, and are interested in studying at a U.S. school.

NEXT STEP:

I'VE BEEN ACCEPTED

- COMPLETE [Diocese of Arlington I-20 application](#) and submit to the school with a copy of current passport
- PICK UP I-20 from Office of Catholic Schools after receiving notification that the I-20 is available
 - *NOTE: I-20 must be picked up and will not be mailed*
- PAY the [I-901 fee](#) and save copy of receipt
- APPLY for F-1 visa with the [local US Consulate](#)

TRANSFER STUDENT (*students currently studying in the United States who hold an F-1 visa*)

- APPLY to and meet all the admission requirements for the [Diocese of Arlington school](#) of choice
- SUBMIT [Diocese of Arlington I-20 application](#) with a copy of the student's current passport and F-1 visa to the Diocese of Arlington school
- COMPLETE [Diocese of Arlington Transfer Report](#) and submit to current school along with a copy of acceptance letter. ***Be sure the current school has the Diocese of Arlington SEVIS School Code for the school to which you are transferring.***
 - *If classes are in session, the student must continue to attend classes until the transfer release date*
 - The transfer release date is determined in consultation with the Designated School Official of the current school
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STUDY in the **STATES**

MORE INFORMATION can be found on the Study in the States website:

<http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students>

- I-901 fees
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