

COLLIN COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICE (ISO)



PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST ESL- SPRING 2023

PAYING THE I-901 FEE

- Review *I-901* Handout included in this I-20 Packet
- Information about the I-901 fee can be found here: <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901>
- Link to Pay Fee: <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html>

SCHEDULE THE VISA INTERVIEW

- Review the *U.S. Visas* handout, *10 Points to Remember when Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa* handout, and <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students>
- Identify the U.S. Embassy or Consulate that is most convenient for you:
<https://www.usembassy.gov/>
- Visit the website of the embassy or consulate you will visit, and follow the instructions on the site to:
 - Pay your visa fee
 - Obtain acceptable photographs
 - Complete your online DS-160 application
 - Get list of all required documents you must bring
 - Schedule your visa interview appointment
- If you are not granted the F-1 Visa, please contact ISO at iso@collin.edu about your deferment options.

PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

- Recommended Arrival date: **12/11/2022**. Allowed to arrive in U.S. up to 30 days before start of I-20. Your I-20 start date will be **01/06/2023**.
- Review the [International Student Handbook](https://sway.office.com/ZfB8c6KNVDOAxafA?ref=Link) for information about Texas and your arrival to Collin College: <https://sway.office.com/ZfB8c6KNVDOAxafA?ref=Link>
- Review *Port of Entry* handout and Study in the States (<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/getting-to-the-united-states>) for information about entering into the U.S.