

Information for International Recruit Students

What is an I-20 M Form?

The Form I-20 M is a “Certificate of Eligibility” for Non-Immigrant (M-1) student status for vocational students.

Your type of student visa must match the type of Form I-20 you have received (M-1) from TEEX.

If you do not receive an M-1 visa stamp on your passport upon entry to the United States, you will not be allowed to attend the Fire Academy.

What is the SEVIS fee?

All international students and exchange visitors must pay the I-901 SEVIS fee (law enacted by Congress in 2004). All prospective M-1 students must pay the I-901 Students and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Fee before the Department of State issues you a visa. SEVIS fees are subject to change and can range from approximately \$200-280 dollars.

How do I pay the SEVIS Fee?

After the student has been admitted into the program/course and has submitted all the required documentation and information, the Designated School Official (DSO) will provide the student with their SEVIS ID and School Code needed to pay the online fee.

The link below will give instructions on how to pay the fee.

<https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901#wcm-survey-target-id>

Print a copy of your SEVIS I-901 payment confirmation and take with you to the border of point of entry into the United States. Also, forward a copy via email to internationalstudents@teex.tamu.edu

How soon will the I-20 M be mailed to me?

The I-20 M Form will be mailed to the student after the SEVIS fee has been paid.

Form DS-160

This step is not required of all international students. Some countries such as Canada and Bermuda have a visa waiver agreement with the United States and do not need an interview. Students are responsible for checking for this requirement.

Complete Form DS-160: <https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Default.aspx>

After you have submitted your DS-160 contact the embassy or consulate for your interview.

1-20 M Mailing Options

Following are the mailing options available.

1. Send it by regular United States Postal Service outside the United States to the student permanent address.
2. Send it by express mail at the student's expense.

You may use the [eShipGlobal](#) service to have your document (s) express mailed to you through either DHL, UPS, or FedEx at your own expense. Please visit the eShipGlobal service (do not visit DHL, UPS, or FedEx directly). You will be required to create a user name and password to set up an account. To request shipment, you will need to select the TEEX International Students option, and provide your mailing address, phone number, and credit card information. Contact the Help section of the eShipGlobal website or e-mail support@eShipGlobal.com . After you have completed the shipment request, please send an email to internationalstudents@teex.tamu.edu to notify the office that you have requested a shipment.

United States Address

A stateside address must be provided to the Fire Academy staff a month before the start date of your program. This must be the address you will be staying at throughout the duration of the Fire Academy.