To: All SEVIS Users  
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Re: SEVP Updated the SEVIS Form I-901  
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General Information

On July 26, 2015, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Form I-901 was updated to include the collection of applicant email addresses. The new SEVIS Form I-901 now includes a mandatory email address field that allows the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to send an instant email notification to the student when their I-901 SEVIS Fee payment status changes.

This update will save time for payees, especially for those paying by check or money order. Payees will no longer need to continually check www.fmjfee.com to see if SEVP received their payment because SEVP will send an email once their payment is processed. After the payee’s payment is processed, they will still have to log into the site to print their receipt.

The new email address field is mandatory for all students who pay the fee on or after July 26, 2015. All previous I-901 SEVIS Fee receipts before that date will remain valid and do not require an email address. If a student fails to provide a valid email address when submitting the SEVIS Form I-901 they will receive an error message, preventing them from continuing the payment process.

Important Reminders:

- Regulation requires all prospective F and M students to pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee before the U.S. Department of State issues them a visa to study in the United States.

- The I-901 SEVIS Fee is different from the fees for visa services issued by the U.S. Department of State.

- F and M students must pay their I-901 SEVIS Fee in order to study in the United States, remain compliant and maintain their status.

- F and M students must print their I-901 SEVIS Fee payment receipt to present as proof of I-901 SEVIS Fee payment at their visa interview. Showing the email notification alone will not be sufficient.
The SEVIS ID on the payment confirmation receipt must always match the SEVIS ID on the student’s most current Form I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status,” unless the F or M student is considered a border commuter student. If the SEVIS ID is different, please email fmjfFee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov to confirm if a new I-901 SEVIS Fee payment is required.

To access the SEVIS Form I-901 and pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee, students should visit FMJfee.com.

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