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Change of Status USCIS Instructions F-2 to F-1

** F-2 visa holders cannot attend school while the change of status is pending.

Items Required	Notes
\$300 check made payable to Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS)	Please make sure to use the correct date and that the check is filled out correctly
I-539 Form	Available online at: http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-539.pdf Please use the ISS address in Part 1 of the form which is SIUE, Box 1616, Edwardsville, IL, 62026-1616
I-901 Fee Receipt	Go to www.fmjfee.com
New I-20 Form	This will be issued by ISS office
Proof of Finances for tuition, fees and living expenses for 2 terms (Fall and Spring)	Must be current (within 6 months)
Copy of your U.S. Visa in your passport	Be sure the copy is legible
Copy of I-94 card (front and back)	This is the white card in your passport
Copy of your passport expiration page	Your passport should not be expired
Copy of your spouse's current I-20	All pages are required
Copy of your spouse's I-94 card (front and back)	This is the white card in your spouse's passport
If spouse is on OPT, a copy of EAD card	Front and Back required
Copy of spouse's passport expiration page	Their passport should not be expired
Copy of spouse's U.S. visa page from passport	Be sure the copy is legible
Letter of Explanation indicating why you want to change status	The letter should contain: 1. That you are requesting to change from F-2 to F-1 2. Your signatures at the bottom of the letter 3. The reason why you want to change status 4. That you have followed all the F-2 regulations and are currently in status

Retain copies of all documents sent to and received from the US Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Once you have collected all the documents and forms listed above, please call ISS at 618-650-3785 to schedule an appointment with an advisor who will review your application.

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