
NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR APPLICANTS SEEKING CHANGE OF STATUS TO F-1

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~Please be advised that your immigration status is *your* responsibility~

*Only sign this form if you are seeking a Change of Status from one visa status type
to F-1 status from WITHIN the United States*

Dallas College will review requests for change of status to F-1 on an individual basis. Please be aware that the quickest path to enrolling as an F-1 student may be to return home and apply for an F-1 visa in your respective country of citizenship. Change of status applications to USCIS can take months for a decision and some are denied. A successful change of status within the United States does not grant you the visa stamp required for F-1 entry to the U.S. Not all applicants are eligible for change of status.

If your admission to Dallas College is approved, a Designated School Officer (DSO) will ONLY issue you an I-20 and acceptance letter. You will be responsible for filing the change of status to USCIS with assistance from an attorney. Dallas College will not provide any legal assistance regarding your change of status application to USCIS.

It is YOUR responsibility to request deferral of your I-20 program start date to the next academic semester with a Dallas College DSO at the beginning of each semester in which you have still not received a change of status approval from USCIS. Your I-20 will be automatically cancelled if you do not request deferral within 60 days of the Program Start Date on the Initial Change of Status I-20. For additional information please visit: <https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/students-and-exchange-visitors/students-and-employment/changing-to-a-nonimmigrant-f-or-m-student-status>

If your change of status is approved by USCIS, you will be required to enroll in a full course of study in the semester following the change of status approval. You must provide the USCIS notice of approval to a Dallas College DSO and abide by F-1 regulations to maintain your F-1 status.

If your change of status is denied by USCIS, please consult with your attorney. Dallas College is not responsible for USCIS decisions and there is no guarantee of approval.

Change of Status Acknowledgement

By signing below, I understand that Dallas College will only issue an I-20 and acceptance letter to me and will not assist with my change of status application to USCIS. I understand that I will be responsible for requesting a deferral of my program start date with a Dallas College DSO at the beginning of each semester in which I have not yet received approval for the change of status.

Printed Name

Signature

Date