

VISA INTERVIEW DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

For F-1 Student Visa to the United States

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MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

All of these documents must be presented at the U.S. visa interview.

Document	Description	How to Get It
Passport	Must be valid at least 6 months beyond your planned U.S. entry date.	Issued by your country's passport authority. Renew if expiring soon.
Form I-20	Certificate of Eligibility from your U.S. school. Must be signed by you and a school official.	Sent by the U.S. school after admission. You'll receive it by email or courier. Print and sign the student section.
SEVIS Fee Receipt (I-901)	Proof of payment for the SEVIS system.	Pay the \$350 fee at fmjfee.com . Print the I-901 confirmation page.
DS-160 Confirmation Page	Online non-immigrant visa application.	Fill out at ceac.state.gov . After submission, download and print the confirmation with a barcode.
Visa Interview Appointment Confirmation	Confirmation of your scheduled visa interview.	After paying the visa fee and booking your interview at ustraveldocs.com , print the confirmation email/page.
Visa Application Fee Receipt (MRV)	Proof of \$185 visa fee payment.	Need to pay this fee before scheduling the interview.
Passport-Size Photo	2x2 inch, white background, recent.	Taken at a local studio or via official U.S. visa photo tools. Some embassies may use digital photos uploaded via DS-160.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS (Recommended for Stronger Visa Approval)

These documents support your case – proving your financial stability, academic background, and home country ties.

Document	Description	How to Get It
Academic Transcripts & Certificates	9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, Bachelor's degrees, etc.	Request from your school or university. Must be in English or officially translated.
Standardized Test Scores	TOEFL, IELTS, SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT.	Download from test provider's portal (e.g., ETS, CollegeBoard).
Admission Letter	Official admission letter from your U.S. university.	Sent by email or via applicant portal. Print the most recent version.
Scholarship Letter	Proof of any financial aid or scholarship awarded.	Issued by the university or third-party organization. Request a signed, dated version.
Bank Statements	Showing funds for tuition and living expenses.	Download the last 3–6 months from your or sponsor's bank account (PDF format preferred).
Affidavit of Support	Declaration from sponsor stating they will fund your studies.	Can be notarized and written using standard templates.
Income Tax Returns	For sponsor/parents, last 2–3 years.	Download from your country's tax department (e.g., Indian IT portal).
Loan Sanction Letter	Proof of approved education loan.	Issued by the bank with clear mention of loan amount and disbursement terms.
Employment Letters / Payslips	To show the sponsor's steady income.	Requested from employer or downloaded from HR/payroll portal.

Property Documents / Family Ties	To prove your intention to return home.	Collect property deeds, rental agreements, family business registration, etc.
Cover Letter (Statement of Purpose)	A 1-page letter explaining why you chose your program, your goals, and intention to return.	Write it yourself or with professional guidance.
Email Communication from University	Housing, orientation, arrival guidance.	Print important emails to show preparation and connection with your school.

At Scholaroid, we guide you through every step of the process and ensure you have all the right documents prepared for a successful visa interview.