



Change of Status from F1 to F2

AAU International Student Services will provide assistance in filing your application for change of status from F1 to F2. However, please be advised that we cannot guaranty the approval of your application. After you collected all the necessary documents, please schedule an appointment online at: <https://jblair.acuityscheduling.com>

Before deciding to file your application for change of status with USCIS, please consider the following:

- You must be in valid status when filing your application with USCIS.
- USCIS will process your application within 3 months. During this time you should not travel outside the United States, otherwise your application will be considered “abandoned” and automatically denied.
- USCIS may send a Request for Evidence (RFE). In this request USCIS will ask for additional documents prior to making a final decision. During this time the processing of your application will stop. The processing of your application will resume upon receipt of the RFE. This may delay a decision by one to two months.
- Should you plan to travel outside the United States after your application for change of status was approved, please be aware that you must apply for an F2 visa prior to re-entering the US in F2 status.
- F2’s are not allowed to pursue a degree or take classes that lead to an educational objective.

Documents needed to file the change of status application:

- Photocopy of Form I-20 for F2 status
 - In order to file your application International Student Services must add you as a dependent to the F1’s SEVIS record and issue a Form I-20. In order issue an I-20, you must submit:
 1. Current Financial Support Documents in the amount of \$36,600 + \$5000 per dependent
 2. Completed Affidavit of Support Form
- Original I-539 (available online at www.uscis.gov)
- Original G-1145 (available online at www.uscis.gov)
- Original I-94 or print out of I-94 (available online at: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html>)
- Official transcripts and/or Enrollment Verification Letter
- Photocopy of all previous I-20’s
- Photocopy of your passport bio page
- Photocopy of your visa
- Personal check in the amount of \$290 made out to "Department of Homeland Security"
- AAU Change of Status support letter (*will be created after application packet is completed*)
- Letter from you requesting change of status and explaining the reason for the change of status
- Photocopy of your marriage license to prove relationship with F1 who is the principal visa holder
- Photocopy of F1’s bio passport page
- Photocopy of F1’s visa page
- Photocopy of F1’s I-94 (front and back) or print out of I-94
- Photocopy of F1’s EAD, if F1 is on post-completion OPT
- Letter from F1’s employer, if F1 is on post-completion OPT
- Official transcript or diploma of F1