



## Visa Renewal

**Before** you travel you **MUST** determine if you will need to obtain a temporary or visitor visa in order to enter legally and remain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> country while you obtain your U.S. Visa\*\*

**\*\*You will not qualify for automatic visa revalidation if you are applying for the visa in Canada or Mexico and are denied the visa\*\***

All applicants applying for renewals need the following for the Visa appointment:

- A passport valid for at least 6 months*
- An application form DS-156, together with a DS-158. Both forms must be completed and signed. Some applicants will also be required to complete form DS-157. Blank forms are available at all U.S. consular offices at (<http://www.state.gov/m/a/dir/c4456.htm>)*
- A receipt for visa processing fee. A receipt showing payment of the visa application fee for each applicant including children who are applying for a U.S. visa*
- A new I-20 or an I-20 that has been endorsed for travel within the last 6 months*
- Documents showing your intent to return to your home country upon completion of your studies*

All Applicants applying for renewals **need to be prepared** to submit:

- A certified copy of your grades from the school in which you are currently enrolled and any transcripts from past schools (an enrollment verification for your current semester and future semester enrollment is be helpful)
- Financial documents from you or a sponsor (GRA award letter if applicable), showing your ability to cover the cost of tuition & living expenses. *The sum of all financial documents must equal the amount on your I-20.*