



In accordance with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), all international students must demonstrate evidence of financial support for their personal and educational expenses during their time at Villanova University. Once evidence is presented and reviewed by the Admissions Office, a Villanova University Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) will be requested to be issued for the student from the Villanova International Student Office.

Current F-1 Visa Holders

If you are planning to attend Villanova University and are currently on an F-1 visa studying in the U.S., you must submit the following documentation to the Admissions Office:

- Copy of your current U.S. visa page
- Copy of your I-94 card
- Copy of your current Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20)
- Certification of Finances form and supporting bank letter

Only after the above documentation is received by the Admissions Office, will a Villanova University Transfer Form be mailed to you for presentation to your current institution's Foreign Student Advisor (Designated School Officer – DSO) for completion. Once Villanova's International Student Office receives the completed Transfer Form and your Student and Exchange Visitor's Information System (SEVIS) record has been released to Villanova, will Villanova have the ability to issue you a Villanova University I-20.

Please note: If it is your intent to travel outside the United States **BEFORE** you begin your freshman year at Villanova University please advise the Admissions Office and the International Student Office as soon as possible.

Other Visa Holders

If you are currently in the U.S. under another visa you will need to contact the Villanova International Student Office. Please contact Mr. Hubert Whan Tong, Foreign Student Advisor, at hubert.whantong@villanova.edu.

You should be aware that:

- Not all U.S. visa categories allow the holder to attend school
- Not all U.S. visa categories allow the holder to be employed while in the U.S.

If you are unsure if your current U.S. visa category allows either of the above activities please contact Mr. Hubert Whan Tong.

On a final note: If you are considering a change of status to a student visa (F-1) in order take advantage of some of the student visa provisions such as Optional Practical Training (OPT), be aware that some student visa benefits require that the student status be held for at least one (1) academic year before the benefit may be applied for in order to be valid. Therefore, change of status should be applied for early in a student's academic career. Once again, please contact Mr. Hubert Whan Tong as soon as possible if you are considering a change of status.