

Request for J-2 Dependent DS-2019

J-1 visa students may request for their spouse and/or children to join them as J-2 dependents. To qualify for J-2 status, dependent(s) must be student's spouse or unmarried, minor children (under age 21). Each eligible dependent will be issued a DS-2019 form by International Student Services and then request a corresponding J-2 visa at the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in their country.

J-2 Visa Regulations

J-1 students and their dependents must know the following U.S. Department of Homeland Security J visa regulations:

Health Insurance

By federal law J-1 students and J-2 dependents must have medical, evacuation and repatriation coverage in effect for the duration of their arrival in and departure from the U.S. Evidence of insurance coverage must be presented to International Student Services upon arrival. Coverage requirements can be found at <http://international.utsa.edu/prospective-students/financial-requirements>. A willful failure to maintain insurance requirements is considered to be a violation of J visa regulations and may result in immediate termination of their visa status.

Restrictions on J-2 Dependent Employment and Study

J-2 dependents are not allowed to be employed in the United States without first receiving work permission from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). J-2 dependents are eligible to apply to USCIS for employment authorization as long as the employment is not for the purpose of supporting the J-1 student. There is no restriction on a J-2 dependent studying in the U.S. However, J-2 dependents can only study as long as the J-1 student is eligible to study in the U.S.

Travel Abroad and Re-entry

A J-2 dependent leaving the U.S. temporarily must have the following documents to re-enter the U.S.:

- Valid passport
- Valid J-2 visa
- Valid DS-2019 form endorsed by an international student advisor at International Student Services

Extension of J-2 Status

Dependents in J-2 status are permitted to stay in the U.S. only to the extent that the principal J-1 visa student is authorized to stay.

Required Documents for J-2 Dependent DS-2019 Form

J-1 student must provide the International Student Services with the following documents:

- **DS-2019 Request Form:** Download at <http://international.utsa.edu/forms/request-ds-2019>
- **Current Financial Support:** Current evidence of all sources of financial support for the student and any dependents. Additional \$5,000 for spouse and \$3,000 for each child per academic year must be shown.
- **Copy of the J-1 Student's Immigration Documents:** Passport, visa, I-94 card, and the most recent DS-2019 form
- **Copy of the J-1 student's health insurance card and coverage summary**
- **Copy of the dependent(s)' passport**
- **Proof of relationship to the J-1 student: Copy of marriage certificate (spouse); birth certificate or equivalent (child)**
- **Dependent Information Form:** Attached to the second page of this handout.
- **All documents must be translated into English.**

Upon receipt of all required documents the International Student Services will issue a J-2 dependent DS-2019 form and updated DS-2019 form for the J-1 student.

Note: After issuance of the DS-2019 forms the International Student Services will put a registration hold on the J-1 student's academic record. Once the student's dependent(s) enter the U.S., the J-1 student must provide International Student Services with proof of health insurance coverage and copies of official documents (passport, visa, I-94 card, stamped DS-2019 form) for each dependent in order to have the registration hold removed.

How to Apply For a J-2 Visa

Please follow the procedures on how to get a J-2 visa on U.S. Department of State website

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html#5

Dependent Information Form

Please complete and attach the supporting documentation when submitting to International Student Services. Dependent information must be filled out for each dependent for whom you are requesting a J-2 dependent DS-2019 form.

J-1 Student Information

Name: _____ Student ID: @ _____
Last Name First Name

Local Address: _____
Street Apt. City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Dependent Information: For additional dependents, use a separate sheet of paper.

Dependent 1

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Relationship to you: Spouse Child

Gender: Female Male City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Permanent Residence: _____

Dependent 1

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Relationship to you: Spouse Child

Gender: Female Male City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Permanent Residence: _____

Student Acknowledgement

By signing below, I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Also, I have read and understand the regulations regarding a J-2 visa on the first page of this handout. I will bring each dependent's proof of insurance coverage, passport, visa, I-94 card and DS-2019 form to the International Student Services office for verification and to have my registration hold removed.

Signature of J-1 student Printed Name in English Date

For ISS USE ONLY – Advisor Initial _____

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