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Change of Status USCIS Instructions J to F*

***This process is extremely difficult to accomplish without returning to your home country. Contact ISS for an appointment to discuss your specific case.**

Items required	Notes
Form I-539	Available at: http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-539.pdf
\$300.00 check or money order made payable to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Please spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use initials “USDHS” or “DHS”
I-901 Fee Receipt	Go to www.fmjfee.com if you need to pay the fee
New Form I-20	Issued by ISS
Original I-94 card	
Financial statement	Current within 6 months
Copy of your U.S. visa	
Copy of your passport validity page(s)	Showing number, name, photo and expiration date
Copy of your current DS-2019	
Letter of Waiver (see note at right)	If subject to the 2 year home residency rule (212E)
Copy of any previous I-797A Approval Notice of Actions (if applicable)	from USCIS
Letter of Explanation as to why you want a change of status	Letter must also contain: 1. your address & phone number 2. a request for change of status from J to F

Retain copies of all documents sent to and received from the US Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Once you have collected all the documents and forms listed above please call ISS at 618-453-5774 to schedule an appointment with an advisor who will review your application.

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