# French Visa Procedures from CampusFrance

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**CampusFrance Procedures**

## *STUDY ABROAD : Three easy steps for completing your CampusFrance registration*

***1. Fill out the on-line CampusFrance application.***

***2. Send a copy of your letter of enrollment and the application fee to CampusFrance in Washington D.C.***

***3. It will take up to two weeks for your file to be completed by CampusFrance ; then you will receive a confirmation e-mail through your CampusFrance personal space which you will need to include with your visa application.***

******As a study abroad student, you are not required to schedule an interview with CampusFrance*.**

**Warning : If you plan on studying in France for less than 90 days, you do not need to go through CampusFrance. Nevertheless, if you need any information, do not hesitate to contact us at : washington@campusfrance.org**.

**1. Fill out the CampusFrance application on-line**

A guide for filling out the application can be on our homepage, listed below this article. Click on the first link « Guide to CampusFrance Registration » for a step-by-step guide that will show you how to fill out the application.

Once you register, you will have a login and a password which will allow you to save changes made to your application and view your file.

Please save your login and password! If you lose them, contact **washington@campusfrance.org**.

**2. Send your acceptance letter and the registration fee to CampusFrance**

The acceptance letter is a signed official document that states that you have been accepted to a French university.

**- Warning : E-mailed acceptance letters and letters without your full name will not be accepted.**

The CampusFrance registration fee of $60 can be paid by money order. The electronic payment option in the application is not set up. We will not be able to process your money order until we receive it at the CampusFrance office by mail.

**Warning: CampusFrance does not accept checks. We ONLY accept money orders.**

After paying the CampusFrance fee, the visa cost is reduced to 50€. For more information it is recommended that you visit the Consulate's website for your region of the United States. For a list of the French Consulates in the United States and their websites please visit : **http://www.ambafrance-us.org/intheus/consulates.asp**

Please send the copy of your acceptance letter and the CampusFrance fee together.

Our address : CampusFrance- Embassy of France 4101 Reservoir Rd. NW Washington D.C. 20007

* It is recommended that you write your CampusFrance ID number on the money order that you send to our office.

**3. We will process your application within two weeks and will send you a confirmation e-mail through your CampusFrance personal page that you can include with your visa application.**

This two week delay corresponds to the time necessary to process your application from the date your envelope is postmarked to our office. Please do NOT contact the CampusFrance office before the two weeks have passed.

Once your application is complete, you may apply for your visa. If you want to schedule your appointment with the visa services before your CampusFrance application is complete, please make sure to allow for the two weeks it takes for CampusFrance to process your application.

**The delivery of a visa is solely the responsibility of the French Consulate.**

REQUIREMENTS :

You have to apply with all the required documents in original and one copy. **The visa section does not make any copies**.

Note that the personal appearance is the basic rule, however you may send your application by certified mail. **Please allow 2 to 3 weeks processing time for all visa applications submitted by mail**.

- A proof of payment from Campusfrance.
- A passport valid at least three months after the last day of your stay within the Schengen space. Please make sure a blank page remains in your passport for the visa stamp(+ copy of the 5 first pages of your passport). No long stay visa can be issued in a Refugee Travel Document or Re-entry Permit.
- 2 long stay application forms filled out in black (only one application form for US citizen). Please do not forget to write your phone number and e-mail address.
- 2 photographs (more informations about the photograph) . All photos must be recent, identical, passport size - 1,4" x 1,7" (3,5cm x 4,5cm) and showing face front the forehead hairline and ears on a white background, the face must take up 70-80% of the photograph.
- For non American citizen, a proof of your status in the US : green card, a valid US visa WITH the I-94, the I-20, the valid I-AP66, I-551 or Advance Parole…(+ one copy).
- Proof of residency (driving license, bank statements, phone/cellular bills…) or of studies in one of the following states (+ one copy) :

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia.

If you are neither living nor studying in one of the 6 above mentionned states, you have to apply with another French consulate : click here.

- Letter of admission from a French public or private school/University (+ one copy).
- Letter from your university in the US stating that you are currently registered there as a student or a copy of your last diploma (+ one copy).
- Proof of sufficient funds :
- If your parents are going to pay for your expenses in France : a financial guarantee such as a notarized statement certifying that the applicant will be provided with a monthly allowance of $ 800 for the duration of his/her stay in France, or proof of personal income along with a letter from school stating that room, board, and tuition are fully prepaid. If the host provides the student with a letter certifying that lodging will be free of charge, and provides a copy of his/her pictured I.D., an allowance of $ 600 will be accepted.
- If you pay for your own expenses, you have to bring your three last bank statements (+ one copy).
- Processing fees : by credit card (Visa, Mastercard only), cash (only if you apply in person), money order or certified check made out to "Consulate General of France".

**IMPORTANT :** You can apply by security mail under your own responsibility. **Please allow 2 to 3 weeks processing time for all visa applications submitted by mail**. If you do so, you have to send us the original passport, along with all the above mentionned (original + copy) documents. You also have to send a self-addressed pre-paid envelope (Express mail…), in order to get your passport back.
7. Once you have your visa, you may go to **France**.

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