What is an F-2 Visa?
An F-2 is a visa for a dependent of an F-1 student in the U.S. F-2 dependents may remain in the U.S. as long as the F-1 student maintains good status. Spouses and children are classified as dependents.

Please note:
- F-2 dependents are not eligible for any paid employment in the U.S.
- Children may attend nursery, primary and secondary school while on a dependent I-20.
- Spouses and children are not authorized to study full time at the college level while on a dependent I-20. A change of Status to F-1 may be required.
- International Health Insurance is strongly encouraged and may be added to the policy of the primary F1 student.

Who is eligible to obtain an F-2 or Dependent I-20?
- Any child of an F-1 student under the age of 21
- A spouse, male or female, as recognized under US Federal Law

Please note: If the dependent is already in the U.S. on another visa, the dependent must complete a Change of Status in order to become an F-2.

What is needed to apply for a dependent I-20?
- Copy of the dependent’s passport
- Copy of the marriage certificate if the I-20 is for a spouse, or copy of birth certificate(s) if the I-20 is for a child or children.
- Original financial document, such as a bank statement or pay stub, showing an additional yearly amount of $5,000 for a spouse or $2,500 for each child. Depending on the primary source of funding for the F1 student, these funds may need to come from the F1’s own sources.

The F-1 student must apply on the F2’s behalf to obtain the I-20. Upon receipt of these documents, the ISSO will issue an I-20 document for each dependent and a new I-20 document for the F-1 student. The student is the signatory for the dependent(s) I-20 document(s). The dependent will use the I-20 document to apply for an F-2 visa.

What should the F-2 bring to the visa appointment?
- Passport
- Copy of student’s passport (all pages, including visa and I-94)
- Original Marriage Certificate (for a spouse) or Original Birth Certificate (for a child)
- Original dependent I-20
- Copy of student’s I-20
- Original financial documents (bank statement and affidavit, if applicable)
- Proof of ties to home country
- Other documents as required (See the consulate website for details)
## Dependent Document Request Form

**Student’s Name**

______  ______________________  ___________________

Last Name  First Name

**Student ID**

# __ __ __ __ __ __ __

**SEVIS ID**

# __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

**Email:** ________________________________  **Phone:** __________________

**Will you be traveling soon?** (circle one)  
- Yes  
- No  
If yes, departure date:________________________

Dependent status is an option for spouses or unmarried children under the age of 21 and who were not born in the U.S.

- Include a copy of the passport identification page for each dependent.
- If more than two dependents, include an additional sheet.

### Dependent #1:

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### Statement of Financial Ability

Indicate the funding sources used to support you and your dependents (check all that apply):

- **Personal / Family Funds.** Please attach documentation of financial ability (such as bank statements less than 6 months old) which covers the expenses for you and your dependent(s).
- **Government Funding.** Attach a letter which details the source, amount, and duration of the funding.

**Estimated Expenses for Dependents**

- Dependent Spouse: $5,000  
- Dependent Child: $2,500

**I certify that I will be responsible for the total cost for each year of study at Wesley College, including expenses associated with my dependents.**

Signature: ___________________________  
Date: __________________

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