

# Preparing for Your Visa Interview

Before you can schedule your visa interview, you must be accepted to Kaplan and receive your I-20.

**Once you have your I-20, you will need to pay the I-901 Fee.**

Learn about the I-901 SEVIS Fee

Watch the I-901 SEVIS Fee Payment Tutorial

Pay the I-901 Fee

**Once you pay the I-901 Fee, schedule your embassy appointment.**

Find the Embassy/Consulate Near You

Visa Processing Time

Check the Status of Your Visa

## Here are 5 things to prepare for and expect in your visa interview\*:

1. You must show proof of your acceptance to Kaplan. Your Form I-20 and acceptance letter can verify your acceptance.
2. You must show that you have the financial ability to pay for school costs plus living expenses (in the amount shown on your Form I-20). For the interview, bring copies of the financial documents such as bank statements. You must also bring your I-901 SEVIS Fee receipt to prove you submitted your payment to SEVP.
3. You should be ready to show you are prepared for the academic program in which you plan to enroll. To do this, the Department of State suggests that you bring copies of any standardized test scores, academic transcripts, diplomas or certificates from previous education that you provided in your application to Kaplan.
4. You may be asked to confirm that your stay in the United States is temporary (i.e., you are not permanently immigrating).
5. The interviewing official may be interested to know how you intend to use the education you receive in the United States when you return home. You should be comfortable talking about the USMLE Exams, the process of gaining residency in the United States, and how this will benefit you. As you know, medical residency in the U.S. is a training program for physicians at the highest level.

This information can be reviewed here:

\*<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2015/06/five-ways-to-prepare-for-your-visa-interview>

## More Information about the Visa Process

Once you decide where you will have your visa interview it's important to thoroughly review all information on the specific Embassy or Consulate Visa Section website for local procedures and instructions. The visa application process includes an interview. This interview is your opportunity to tell the consular officer about your plans while in the United States, and what you will do when you have completed your studies.

Before your visa interview please read NAFSA'S "10 Points to Remember When Applying for a Student Visa" so that you are fully prepared.

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