



SAVE Information for Designated School Officials Responsible for Updating SEVIS for F and M Visa Students

Updating the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)

As a designated school official, the information you provide in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) affects the responses of [the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements \(SAVE\) Program](#). SAVE is administered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). SAVE uses the information in SEVIS to confirm the immigration status of F and M students and their dependents who apply for a benefit so that the administering agency can determine the students' or dependents' eligibility for the benefit. DHS requests that you fulfill your [SEVIS reporting requirements](#) by [regularly logging in to the system](#) and [reading all your alerts](#). Visit DHS' [SEVIS Help Hub](#) for more guidance about how to properly report information in SEVIS.

What Your F and M Students Need to Know

If an F or M student wants to apply for a Social Security number (SSN), please refer him or her to the Social Security Administration for [information about how to apply](#). DHS [recommends students wait at least 10 calendar days after arriving in the U.S. before applying for a SSN](#), as this allows SEVIS enough time to update other federal verification systems. For driver's licenses, F and M students should check with their state licensing agencies for requirements and instructions specific to that state. DHS also [recommends students wait at least 10 calendar days after arriving in the U.S. before applying for a driver's license](#).

Additional Resources

For more information about the benefits that F and M students may be eligible for while they study in the United States, visit DHS' Study in the States pages for [Driving in the United States](#) and [Obtaining a Social Security Number](#).

Resources for Students

F and M students applying for a benefit like an SSN or a driver's license can use [SAVE CaseCheck](#) to follow the progress of their verification cases online.

They may read about how SAVE works in [foreign languages](#).

