

Maui Language Institute

How to Apply - For F1 Visa Students

MLI welcomes applications from around the world. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age to apply.

The application process is outlined below.

If you are planning to attend MLI for longer than 90 days (recommended), you need to apply for an F1 student visa.

APPLICATION PACKET

Step 1

Submit an MLI Application Form by mail or Fax (+1-808-357-9397).

Step 2

Prepare \$75 Application Fee and \$1,795 MLI Tuition payment.

The Application Fee and MLI Tuition Payment can both be paid via cash, International Money Order (US dollars) or a Cashier's check payable to "UH-Maui College".

The Application Fee is non-refundable.

Step 3

Obtain an original bank statement.

The bank statement should show approximately \$30,000 (U.S.) in the bank account. Please consult the Registrar, Steve Kameda (skameda@hawaii.edu), or Georgette Tanaka in admission (tanakag@hawaii.edu) for an exact amount. If the bank statement is not in English, please attach an official translation of the statement.

Please note that it is possible to submit more than one bank statement if you will be financially supported from more than one source.

If you will be financially supported from another source than your own money, then have the individual or individuals sign the affidavit of financial support form.

If you will be financially supported from someone on Maui, then please have the individual write a letter explaining what living costs will be covered for you during your stay on Maui.

Step 4

Fill out the Health Certificate Form.

Step 5

Fill out the Proof of Medical Insurance Form.

Step 6

Include another MLI Application Form with your completed packet to:

University of Hawai'i Maui College
Maui Language Institute
Mailbox #84
310 W. Ka'ahumanu Avenue
Kahului, HI 96732
U.S.A.

Note: Although you have already submitted an MLI Application form, your packet should include another MLI Application form again for identification on purpose.

Recommendation: Application packets for prospective F1 Visa students are due at least 8 weeks before the MLI session begins.

FORM I-20

Step 7

After your application is approved, the Admissions Office at the University of Hawai'i Maui College will send you a Form I-20 to the address provided in the application packet.

What is a Form I-20?

A Form I-20 is the document the university or college issues to you that allows you to apply for an F-1 student visa.

What do I need to be issued a Form I-20?

You must be academically admitted to the university or college and have proven with official financial documents acceptable to the university or college that you can afford to pay for your studies in the United States.

When I have an I-20, will I get a visa?

The Form I-20 only allows you to apply for a visa, but does not guarantee that you will get a visa. Visa approval rates vary from country.

SEVIS I-901 FEE

Step 8

Upon receipt of the Form I-20, applicants will need to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.

ALL F-1 student visa applicants must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.

IMPORTANT: The SEVIS I-901 fee must be paid BEFORE you go to your visa interview at a United States embassy or consulate.

I-901 Process:

1. Upon acceptance to MLI, you will be mailed a Form I-20 from the school.
2. After receiving your Form I-20 in the mail, go to the following website to pay your SEVIS I-901 Fee:

www.fmjfee.com

Please note that you will be able to make your payment with a credit card.

3. Once at the website, click on the “Proceed I-901 Form and Payment” button.

Please note that you must have a printer available to print the Form I-901 payment receipt when you complete the form online.

4. When you are ready to begin, please select I-20 and press the “OK” button.

5. Enter the following information EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS on your Form I-20:

- > Last Name
- > First Name
- > Middle Name
- > SEVIS Identification Number
- > Date of Birth

6. Follow the remainder of the instructions in the process.
7. PRINT and SAVE YOUR RECEIPT after making your payment of the Form I-901 fee.
8. Bring the Form I-901 payment receipt with your Form I-20 to your consulate for the visa interview.

IMPORTANT: You will NOT be able to pay for your Form I-901 until you have received your Form I-20 because your Form I-20 contains the school code and your SEVIS ID number.

F1 STUDENT VISA INTERVIEW

Step 9

Interview for an F1 student visa at a United States embassy or consulate.

Once the SEVIS I-901 fee has been paid and a receipt has been printed, you should schedule an interview appointment at the nearest United States embassy or consulate if an interview appointment has not been set up yet. Then, you should take your Form I-20 and your SEVIS I-901 receipt to the student visa interview.

AFTER RECEIVING AN F1 STUDENT VISA

After you receive your student visa, please let us know your arrival date.

We look forward to your arrival on Maui and to assisting you with your language learning goals at MLI.

ARRIVAL DATE TO MAUI

Lastly, please note that you are able to enter the United States 30 days prior to the start date indicated on your I-20.