



**Western Oregon University
Invitation for Family Member Request Form**

Use this form to request an invitation letter written by an advisor from the International Students & Scholars Affairs (ISSA) office that will support the visa application of your immediate family members (parents, parent-in-laws, siblings, children, and/or spouse) to visit the United States. If you are planning to apply for F-2 or J-2 visas for your spouse or children, read the "Bringing Dependents to the U.S. Information" section on the next page.

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____
(Last in CAPS) (First)

Visa: F-1 J-1 Level: Undergrad Post-Bac Graduate J-1 Scholar

Address: _____
(Street or PO Box) (City) (State) (Postal Code)

Phone Number: _____ Personal E-mail Address: _____

The invitee(s) is my dependent (my spouse or child) and I am requesting an F-2 or J-2 dependent I-20 or DS-2019? No Yes If Yes, please read the "Bringing Dependents to the U.S. Information"

How many copies of letter needed? _____ Where to send?

Pick up at Maaske Hall **OR** Send to: _____
(Fax or Address)

Invitee Information

Please fill in **ALL** spaces for each person.

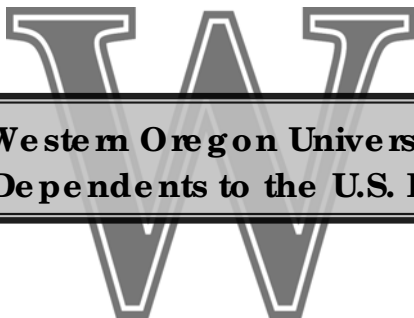
	Last/Family Name	First Name	Related to You How?	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Place of Birth *	Citizenship *
1						
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* All information is required.

Please include any additional information or comments.

Period of Stay: From _____ To _____ Total Time: _____
(Date) (Date)

Note: B Tourist visas are usually granted for six months or less.



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Bringing Dependents to the U.S. Information

F-1 and J-1 students may request to bring their spouse and/or children to the US on a dependent visa, known as an F-2 or J-2 visa. To request this, please do the following:

1. Complete and submit the “Invitation for Family Members Request” form and make a copy of the identification page from each dependent’s passport.
2. Meet with an international student advisor and obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (an I-20 for an F-2 or a DS-2019 for a J-2) for each dependent. You and the advisor will discuss the information described below.

Note: Dependents who plan to visit the US for a short period of 6 months or less to engage in tourist activities should apply for a B-1 visitor visa, not an F-2 or J-2 visa.

Documentation of Financial Support

To bring a spouse and/or children to the US, you must provide documentation showing you have the financial means to support them for the duration of their stay. A bank statement or other proof of financial support must be presented to International Student & Scholars Affairs (ISSA) before a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019) can be issued. You must be able to document that you have a minimum of \$3,900 for the support of your spouse and \$2,000 per child. This is in addition to funds used for your own expenses.

Health and Accident Insurance Requirements

State of Oregon regulations require all international students and their dependents to carry health and accident insurance throughout their stay in the US. Federal regulations specifically require health insurance for J-1 visa holders and their dependents. Students with dependents are responsible for enrolling them in a health insurance plan and providing proof to the ISSA office. Contact Ambre Plahn at plahna@wou.edu about insurance options.

Study Eligibility

Dependents on an F-2 visa are only allowed to study during their stay in the US if the study is strictly recreational or vocational in nature. If an F-2 dependent wishes to pursue a degree, he or she must first obtain F-1 status. Dependents on a J-2 visa are allowed to study part-time or full-time in either a degree or non-degree program.

Employment Eligibility

Dependents on an F-2 visa are not allowed to work at any time during their stay in the US. Dependents on a J-2 visa are eligible to apply for employment authorization from the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) as long as the employment is not for the purpose of supporting the J-1 student or scholar.