

F-2 Eligibility at Idaho State University

In order for ISU to issue an F-2 dependent an I-20 form, the F-1 student must supply ISU with:

1. Proof of Eligibility

A. Spouse: Certified (attested) Copy of the Marriage Certificate clearly establishing the F-2 as the lawful spouse of the F-1 student.

B. Child(ren): Certified (attested) copy of Birth Certificate(s) clearly establishing the child(ren) as the lawful child(ren) of the F-1 student.

2. Available Funds

For each dependent at least \$ 3,000.00 in available funds must be shown with original bank documents and, if necessary, sponsor letter. See *International Student Declaration of Financial Support Form* for details.

3. Visa Interview/ Port of Entry Requirements /Work Ineligibility/Study Restrictions

The above information must also be presented at the visa interview and at the port of entry.

Furthermore, the F-2 may have to prove that he or she intends to leave the United States upon the termination of the status of the principal F-1 student.

If the dependents are following to join the student, “the F-1 student is, or will be within 30 days, enrolled in a full course of study or engaged in approved practical training following completion of studies.” [22 C.F.R. § 41.61 (b) (3) and 8 C.F.R. § 214.2 (f) (3)]

F-2 visa holders are not allowed to work on or off campus.

F-2 visa holders can not study towards a degree. They may take only part-time classes for recreational or avocational purposes.

Information taken from NAFSA Adviser Manual 2001 and Federal Register notice of Dec.11, 2002 Part III, Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service 8 CFR Parts 103, 214, 248, and 274a (Final Rule)