

Change of Status Information

It is your decision to pursue Change of Status as a means to study at College of Lake County (CLC) as an F1 international student. CLC will only be able to provide a **Form I-20** and **Admission Letter** for you during this process.

- CLC is not responsible for assisting you with filing for Change of Status and requires that you work with an attorney.
- CLC is also not responsible for the results of your Change of Status case since this is governed by USCIS.
- You are responsible for providing timely, updated adequate financial support when requesting updated Form I-20s when needed.

STEP 1: Work with College of Lake County (CLC):

1. Complete the international student application requirements: (<http://www.clcillinois.edu/global>)
2. Obtain a **Form I-20** document (Issuance Reason: CHANGE OF STATUS) and admission letter for F-1 Status from CLC.
3. Pay the **\$350.00** SEVIS fee (I-901 fee). We recommend to pay online using a credit card: www.FMJfee.com.

STEP 2: Work with your lawyer to file for Change of Status:

1. Complete Form I-539 & Form 1-539A (<http://www.uscis.gov/i-539>) with a lawyer of your choice. CLC will provide a list of Chicago area lawyers if needed. CLC does not endorse any lawyer in particular.
2. Consult with a lawyer about taking classes full time while you are waiting for Change of Status approval. If your current status allows you to study full time, please contact the Department of Global Engagement.

STEP 3: Request updated Form I-20s when needed

1. It is your responsibility to make sure your **Form I-20** semester start dates are current in the midst of your Change of Status application process.
2. With the consultation of your lawyer, please reach out the Department of Global Engagement with appropriate updated financial documents to request an updated **Form I-20**.