8 C.F.R. § 214.2(m)(1)-(2) – Students in established vocational or other recognized nonacademic institutions, other than in language training programs

- (1) Admission of student --
- (i) <u>Eligibility for admission</u>. A nonimmigrant student may be admitted into the United States in nonimmigrant status under section $\underline{101(a)(15)(M)}$ of the Act, if: (Paragraph (m)(1)(i) revised effective 1/1/03; 67 FR 76256)
- (A) The student presents a SEVIS Form I-20 issued in his or her own name by a school approved by the Service for attendance by M-1 foreign students. (In the alternative, for a student seeking admission prior to August 1, 2003, the student may present a currently-valid Form I-20M-N/I-20ID, if that form was issued by the school prior to January 30, 2003);
- (B) The student has documentary evidence of financial support in the amount indicated on the SEVIS Form I-20 (or the Form I-20M-N/I-20ID); and
- (C) For students seeking initial admission only, the student intends to attend the school specified in the student's visa (or, where the student is exempt from the requirement for a visa, the school indicated on the SEVIS Form I-20 (or the Form I-20M-N/I-20ID)).
- (ii) <u>Disposition of Form I 20M N</u>. When a student is admitted to the United States, the inspecting officer shall forward Form I 20M N to the Service's processing center. The processing center shall forward Form I 20N to the school which issued the form to notify the school of the student's admission.
- (iii) <u>Use of SEVIS</u>. On January 30, 2003, the use of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) will become mandatory for the issuance of any new Form I-20. A student or dependent who presents a non-SEVIS Form I-20 issued on or after January 30, 2003, will not be accepted for admission to the United States. Non-SEVIS Forms I-20 issued prior to January 30, 2003, will continue to be accepted for admission to the United States until August 1, 2003. However, schools must issue a SEVIS Form I-20 to any current student requiring a reportable action (e.g., extension of status, practical training, and requests for employment authorization) or a new Form I-20, or for any aliens who must obtain a new nonimmigrant student visa. As of August 1, 2003, the records of all current or continuing students must be entered in SEVIS. (Added effective 1/1/03; 67 FR 76256)

(2) Form I - 20 ID copy. The first time an M - 1 student comes into contact with the Service for any reason, the student must present to the Service a Form I - 20M - N properly and completely filled out by the student and by the designated official of the school the student is attending or intends to attend. The student will be issued a Form I - 20 ID copy with his or her admission number. The student must have the Form I - 20 ID copy with him or her at all times. If the student loses the Form I - 20 ID copy, the student must request a new Form I - 20 ID copy on Form I - 102 from the Service office having jurisdiction over the school the student was last authorized to attend.

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