ADDING AN F-2 DEPENDENT

Some F-1 students wish to bring their spouse and/or children to the U.S. In order to do so, you will need to provide documentation so that we can issue F-2 I-20’s for your dependents.

Please prepare the documents below and bring them to ISSS, Talbert Hall 210, North Campus. We will then create a new I-20 for you (indicating that you have dependents) and F-2 I-20’s for your dependents.

1. **Copy of your marriage certificate (if adding a spouse) or birth certificate (if adding a child).** If this document is not in English, it must be translated by a certified translator.

2. **Copy of the biographic page of each dependent’s passport.**

3. **Financial documents.** These documents must show that you can financially support yourself and your dependents in the U.S. Please review our financial documents requirements at [https://www.buffalo.edu/content/dam/www/international-student-and-scholar-services/F-1/FinancialDocumentation_006.pdf](https://www.buffalo.edu/content/dam/www/international-student-and-scholar-services/F-1/FinancialDocumentation_006.pdf). ISSS will also provide an estimate of costs to assist you in preparing proper financial documents.

4. **Dependent health insurance form.** This form can be found at [https://ubcms-author.buffalo.edu/cf#/content/www/international-student-and-scholar-services/immigration-visa/f-1-student/adding-a-dependent.html](https://ubcms-author.buffalo.edu/cf#/content/www/international-student-and-scholar-services/immigration-visa/f-1-student/adding-a-dependent.html). By reading and signing this form, you agree to purchase health insurance for your dependent(s) to cover them during their entire stay in the U.S.

5. **Proof of full-time course registration.** You must be registered full-time or have Full-time Certification from the Graduate School or an approved Reduced Course Load from ISSS to be eligible to add a dependent. You may be asked to show proof of full-time certification if it has yet to be entered into HUB.

If your dependent will change his/her immigration status in the U.S., then you and your dependent should meet with an International Student Advisor to discuss the change-of-status application. Please be sure to inform us if your dependent is already in the U.S.

Once your dependent receives an F-2 visa and enters the U.S. as an F-2 or receives the change-of-status approval notice by mail, you must bring copies of his/her immigration documents (I-20, passport and F-2 visa or change-of-status approval notice) to ISSS, Talbert Hall 210.