

## REQUEST FOR J-2 VISA DOCUMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEPENDENTS

In order to request a J-2 DS-2019 for a spouse or child dependent, a J-1 student must first obtain the following documents:

- Copy of the dependent's passport bio page
- Proof of dependent's Health Insurance coverage or check deposit (\$3000 for spouse/\$1500 for each child)\*
- Proof of funding in form of a bank statement (\$5000 for spouse/\$2500 for each child) or financial guarantee\*\*

**Please provide us with the following information:**

J-1 Student's information: Dawgtag# \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle name \_\_\_\_\_

J-2 Dependent #1 Information (as it appears in the passport):

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to student/scholar (circle one) Spouse Child

(space to add additional dependents is available on the next page)

**Procedure to request J-2 DS-2019:**

- **For J-1 students who are already in the U.S.**  
Please call the Center for International Education office at 618-453-5774 and schedule an appointment. Bring this form, and all required documents to your appointment.
- **For J-1 students who have not yet arrived in the U.S.**  
Please email scans of all required documents (except for advance deposit check) to [issinfo@siu.edu](mailto:issinfo@siu.edu).  
Please send a check made payable to SIU (\$3000/spouse and \$1500/per child) to the following address:

Center for International Education  
Attention: Tina Sickinger  
425 Clocktower Drive, Woody Hall  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Carbondale, IL 62901-6514

After all required documents have been received, the DS-2019(s) will be prepared and given/sent to the student along with a letter indicating that the student has complied with this requirement. These visa documents will be used by the dependent(s) to obtain entry visas at the Embassy/Consulate abroad and then presented at port-of-entry.

*Additional information provided on the next page*

\*All J-2 dependents are required to have sickness and accident insurance and medical evacuation and repatriation insurance in effect for the duration of their exchange visitor program as required by the Department of Homeland Security. A J-1 student must submit either proof of health insurance coverage for each dependent, or an advance deposit (\$3000 for the spouse/ \$1500 for each child) before a J-2 DS-2019 can be prepared.

If a student chooses to provide the advance deposit, the funds will be held in a University account until the family members arrive in the U.S. At the time of arrival, the student/scholar must purchase health insurance for all family members. If the student is in need of information for obtaining insurance, it can be obtained through the Center for International Education. After health insurance has been purchased, the entire amount of the initial deposit will be refunded to the student. If a dependent is unable to come to the US after the deposit has been made, those funds will, of course, be refunded in full.

\*\*You must provide proof that you are able to financially support your family while they are here with you in the U.S. Acceptable documents include a recent bank statement (within 6 months) indicating that a minimum of \$5000 for your spouse and/or \$2500 per each child, or a financial guarantee from your sponsor that specifies that all living expenses for your family will be covered.

J-2 Dependent #2 Information (as it appears in the passport):

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student/scholar (circle one) Spouse Child

J-2 Dependent #3 Information (as it appears in the passport):

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student/scholar (circle one) Spouse Child

J-2 Dependent #4 Information (as it appears in the passport):

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student/scholar (circle one) Spouse Child

J-2 Dependent #5 Information (as it appears in the passport):

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student/scholar (circle one) Spouse Child