

## BRINGING DEPENDENTS TO THE U.S.

F-1 and J-1 students may request to bring their spouse and/or children to the U.S. on a dependent visa, known as an F-2 or J-2 visa. To apply for a dependent visa, the F-1 or J-1 student will first need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019) for the dependent. To request a Certificate of Eligibility, you should first make an appointment with an international student advisor to discuss funding requirements and other issues related to bringing dependents to the U.S. You will also need to complete the Dependent Certificate of Eligibility Request Form on the reverse side and supply a copy of the ID page from each dependent's passport. Note: Dependents who plan to visit the U.S. for a short period (6 months or less) and engage in tourist activities may apply for a B-2 tourist visa.

### Documentation of Financial Support

To bring a spouse and/or children to Corvallis, you must provide documentation of financial ability to support them for the duration of their stay. A bank statement or other proof of financial support must be presented to International Student and Faculty Services (ISFS) before a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019) can be issued. For the 2009-2010 academic year, students must document that they have a minimum of \$8,600 for the support of a spouse or child and \$3,790 for each additional dependent. **This funding is in addition to funds used for your own expenses.**

### Health and Accident Insurance

The State of Oregon requires all international students *and their dependents* to carry health and accident insurance throughout their stay in the United States. In addition, federal regulations specifically require health insurance for J-1 visa holders and their dependents. Students with dependents are responsible for enrolling them in a health insurance plan. For information regarding OSU health insurance options, contact the OSU Student Health Insurance Liaison in 328 Plageman Hall (541-737-7568).

### Cost of Medical Care

The OSU Student Health Services is available to OSU students only. Dependents will need to seek health care in the community. A typical office visit may cost \$80-\$150 dollars if not covered by insurance. The average cost for a hospital stay (not including medical supplies, surgery, nursing care, medication, etc.) is about \$400-800 per day. An unexpected illness or accident can cost thousands of dollars. Good health insurance coverage is therefore essential.

### Registering for Classes

Dependents on an F-2 visa are NOT allowed to study either part-time or full-time during their stay in the U.S., unless the study is strictly recreational or avocational in nature (e.g. a dance class). If an F-2 dependent wishes to pursue a degree, he or she must first apply for and obtain F-1 status. Dependents on a J-2 visa are allowed to study part-time or full-time in either a degree or non-degree program.

### Employment

Dependents on an F-2 visa are NOT allowed to work at any time during their stay in the U.S. Dependents on a J-2 visa are eligible to apply for employment authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) as long as the employment is not for the purpose of supporting the J-1 student or scholar. Please see an international student advisor for more information or view the J-2 Employment Authorization form on the ISFS website.

### Primary and Secondary School Enrollment

To enroll your children in Corvallis Public Schools, please obtain the following documents from your home country:

- An official birth certificate, a signed hospital certificate, or a passport as valid proof of your child's birth date
- Official copies of the child's school records
- All immunization records with names and dates of vaccines received. Required immunization for all school-aged children are diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, and polio. In addition, some children from outside the United States must be screened for active tuberculosis infection.

### Crossroads Conversation School for Wives

This is a non-religious volunteer program which meets twice weekly in small classes and offers beginning to advanced instruction in English. The cost is minimal and limited childcare may be available for an additional cost. The school is not only a place to learn English, but also offers a social environment where women from all over the world can make friends and feel more at home in the community and culture. Further information and enrollment forms are available in ISFS. **(please see reverse side)**

## DEPENDENT CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY REQUEST FORM

Once you have met with an international student advisor, you may request a Certificate of Eligibility for your dependent. Please complete the form below, attach proof of financial documentation for both yourself and your dependent (see reverse side), and attach a copy of the ID page from each dependent's passport.

### To be completed by the student

*Please Print Clearly*

Last name (family) \_\_\_\_\_ First name (given) \_\_\_\_\_

OSU ID \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Degree level (circle)    Bachelor's    Master's/PhD    Major \_\_\_\_\_

Current source(s) and amount of financial support for yourself \_\_\_\_\_  
***(please attach with this form)***

Source(s) and amount of financial support for your dependent(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
***(please attach with this form)***

Name of your current health insurance provider \_\_\_\_\_

Name of proposed health insurance provider for your dependent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date you would like dependent(s) to arrive in the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

***Accurately fill out the following for all dependents whom you wish to join you in the U.S. Please note that your dependents' entire name must be as shown in their passport. You will need to supply ISFS with a copy of the ID page from each dependent's passport.***

First Name	Family Name	Gender	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	City & Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Country of Legal Permanent Residence

Are any dependents currently with you in the U.S.? (circle)    Yes    No

If so, please list their full name and date and country of birth:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_