International Student Interagency Webinar for Community Colleges

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"Promoting U.S. Education Overseas: Government Resources for U.S. Schools"

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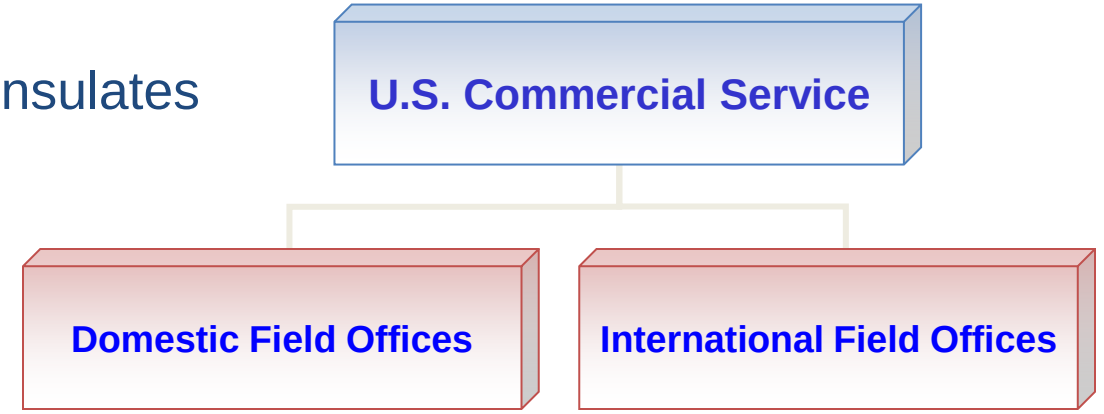
140 offices in 70 countries

- most in embassies and consulates
- Education Specialists

100 locations across U.S.

- cover each U.S. state



Mission:

- Promote the exports of U.S. goods and services
- Work with federal agencies, associations, consortia, partners

Primary Education Sector Clients:

Intensive English Programs, private high schools and boarding schools, academies, community colleges, 4-year colleges and universities, graduate programs

U.S. Commercial Service Client Needs

Market Intelligence:

- Education Industry Information (www.export.gov/industry/education/index.asp) Newsletter, Best Export Markets Report, Country Specific Market Research Reports, Webinars, Virtual Education and Recruitment Events, Trade Leads– sign up for email updates!

Making Contacts:

- Virtual Education Fairs
- Customized Contact Lists
- Prescreened Face to Face Meetings w/ Potential Partners
- Single/Multi Organization Promotion
- Industry Trade Missions – Outbound and Inbound

Meeting Students:

- Organized Trade Missions
- Fairs (EducationUSA, IIE, ISN, Linden, Consortia, etc.)

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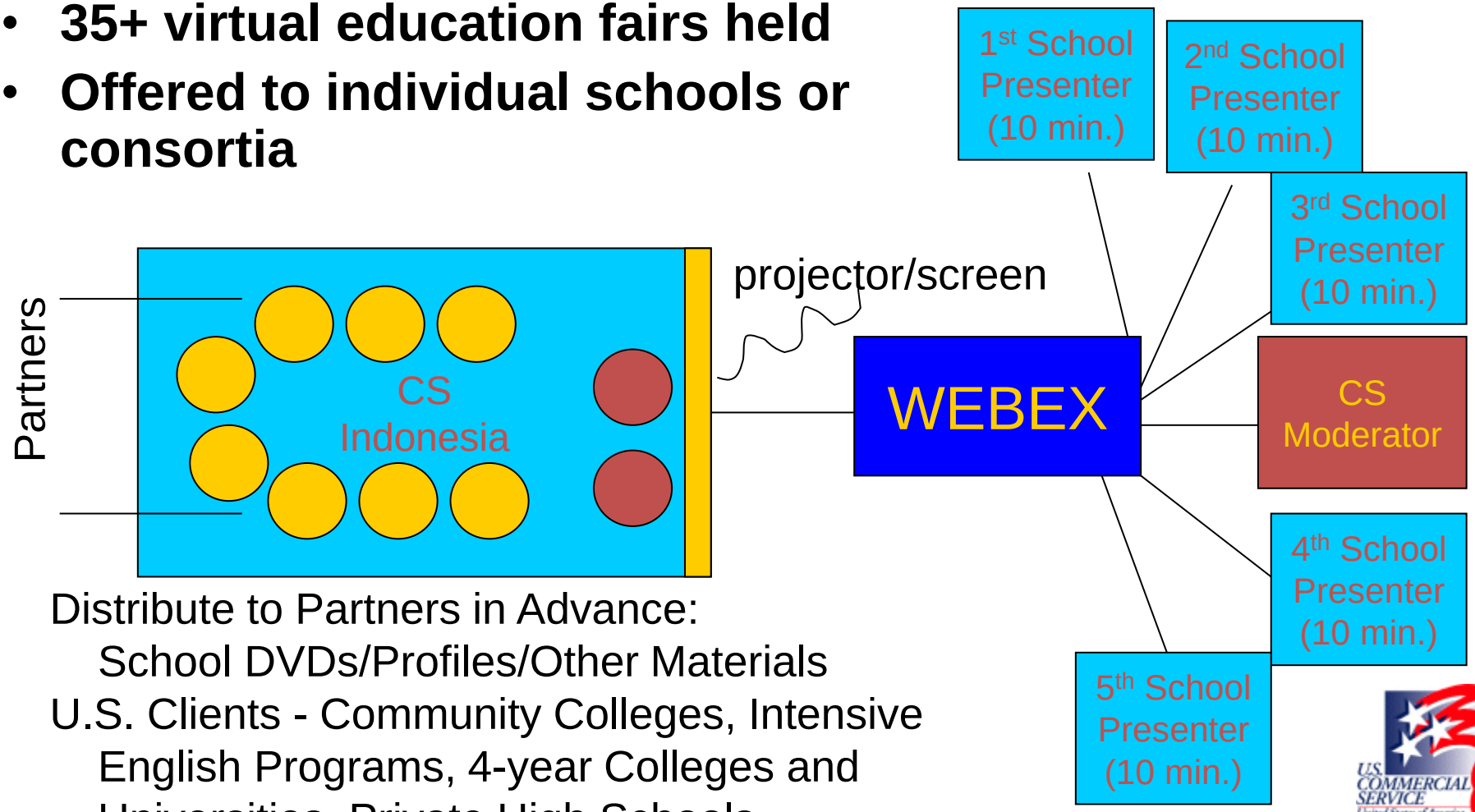
Virtual Education Fairs

- **35+ virtual education fairs held**
- **Offered to individual schools or consortia**



Distribute to Partners in Advance:
School DVDs/Profiles/Other Materials

U.S. Clients - Community Colleges, Intensive English Programs, 4-year Colleges and Universities, Private High Schools

Websites, Resource Links

U.S. Commercial Service – www.export.gov – market research, trade events, etc.

Institute of International Education – www.iie.org – research, publications, etc.

American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
www.aacrao.org

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
http://www.aacc.nche.edu

American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP)
www.aaiep.org

The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)
www.tabs.org

NAFSA: Association of International Educators (NAFSA)
www.nafsa.org

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
www.nacacnet.org

National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP)
www.nagap.org

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Education USA

A U.S. Department of State Network

Who We Are

- **Promote** U.S. higher education by connecting international students to American institutions

- **Support** U.S. higher education community internationalization through international student recruitment and retention plans. *We promote all accredited U.S. institutions.*

- **Engage with** foreign institutions and governments regarding their student mobility to the U.S.

We help students and institutions find their own "best fit"

EducationUSA By the Numbers

U.S. Department of State Staff & IIE Global Services Team

14 Regional Educational Advising Coordinators (REACs)

177 Countries

412 Centers

550 Advisers

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Contact EducationUSA

- **Expert In-Country Support**
- **Online Engagement**
- **Special Programs:** EducationUSA Academy, Opportunity Funds, EducationUSA Leadership Institute, host advisers on your campus
- **Conferences:**
  EducationUSA Forum
  Washington, DC – 7/31/2017

  Regional EducationUSA Forums
  Latin America (5/17) & Europe (9/17)

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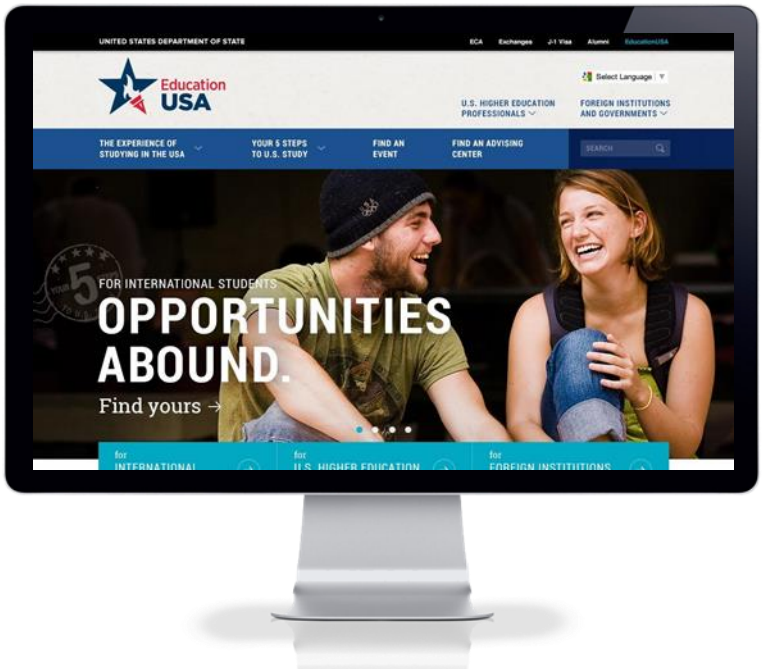

For more information contact:
educationusa@state.gov

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International Student Mobility: U.S. Community Colleges

Annual Open Doors Report – Funded by ECA, Executed by IIE

Global Stats:

- 2015/16: **1,043,839** international students studied in the United States
- 4 Top Sending Countries (60% of all international Students): China (328,547), India (165,918), Saudi Arabia (61,287), South Korea (61,007)
- Fastest Growth: India (+24.9%), Nepal (+18.4%), Vietnam (+14.3%)
- International students contribute **$35.8 billion** to the U.S. economy

Community Colleges:

- 2015/16: **78,297** international students at Community Colleges
- 46% of all undergrads attend Community Colleges, **~1.5%** are international (5.2% across all institutional types, room for growth)

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EducationUSA Programming: U.S. Community Colleges

- Recent EducationUSA Interactive: Exploring Community Colleges (https://goo.gl/n2BPOY)
- Recent International Higher Education Core (IHEC) meeting on vocational and technical training
- Community College Administrator Program (CCAP), & Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program (TCCSP): www.exchanges.state.gov
- Second Lady of the United State
  Dr. Jill Biden
  Keynote Speaker
  2016 EducationUSA Forum
- https://goo.gl/xUyNUd

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Student Visas

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Office of Visa Services

The Interview

What is a consular officer looking for?

Four things:

1. Who you are
2. What you want to do
3. How you're going to pay for it
4. What you intend to do when you've completed your approved activity

It is incumbent upon the applicant to explain these things during the course of the interview.

Required Documents

- I-20 (F/M student visa) or DS-2019 (J exchange visitor visa)
- Passport
- Photo
- Fees: MRV visa application fee receipt and I-901 fee receipt
- Confirmation page of Form DS-160 visa application
- Additional Documentation - refer to embassy/consulate website for suggested additional documents

Reasons for Refusal

- A visa applicant “shall be presumed to be an immigrant until he establishes to the satisfaction of the consular officer… that he is entitled to a nonimmigrant status” (INA § 214(b))
  - 214(b) is the most common visa denial for Fs, Ms, and Js
- 221(g) – a refusal that allows an officer to close a case pending receipt of additional information or documents
- 212(a) ineligibilities (see *travel.state.gov*)

Denials

- Each applicant should receive in writing an explanation of the section of the law under which the visa application was refused.
- Due to confidentiality in the visa process, consular officers cannot speak with international student/scholar advisors about an applicant’s case.

Administrative Processing

- “Administrative Processing” is the term we use to encompass any further review of a case beyond the interview. It may include confirmation of the petition, clarification of legalities, or any number of other questions a consular officer must resolve before a visa can be issued.

- Administrative processing is unique to the circumstances of each application. Applicants receive specific instructions on what to do/expect.

Issued Visas Statistics

F1 Visas

FY 2016 – 471,712

FY 2015 – 644,204

FY-2014 – 595,545

FY-2013 – 534,297

J1 Visas

FY 2016 – 339,704

FY 2015 – 332,534

FY-2014 – 331,060

FY-2013 – 312,514

M1 Visas

FY 2016 – 10,304

FY 2015 – 11,056

FY-2014 – 11,703

FY-2013 – 11,316

Top Ten F1 Visa Countries – FY 2016

China-mainland	India	South Korea	Japan	Saudi Arabia	Vietnam	Mexico	Brazil	Taiwan	Germany
148,014	62,537	25,355	16,666	16,474	15,579	11,678	10,978	9,730	7,307

Contact Us & Resources

Contact the Consular Section

- Check the embassy/consulate website for contact information

Contact the National Visa Center

- 603-334-0888
- https://secureforms.travel.state.gov/ask-nvc.php

Website Resources

- U.S. Department of State, Visas Travel.State.Gov
- U.S. Department of State, Exchange Visitor Program J1visa.state.gov
- EducationUSA https://www.educationusa.info/
- Department of Homeland Security StudyintheStates.dhs.gov

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STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

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Presentation Overview

1	FACTS + FIGURES
2	RECENT GUIDANCE
3	NOTIFICATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP
4	RESOURCES

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Facts & Figures

465 community colleges

42,257 international students

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Final Policy Guidance Update

Pathways Programs

Overview

- Third part of policy guidance series on pathway programs, conditional admission and English proficiency

Fact sheet

- Input pathway program information into the Form I-17
- Properly issue Forms I-20 for pathway programs

Next steps for DSOs

- Ensure Form I-17 reflects school's current operations and programs
- Submit a Form I-17 update to add a pathway program

Read the final policy guidance at ICE.gov/SEVP

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Conditional Admission

RECENT GUIDANCE

SEVP Final Policy Guidance S13.1

- For admissions or academic practice
- A school may conditionally admit a student
- Form I-20 can only be issued once student meets all standards for admission

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Form I-20 and the English Proficiency Field

RECENT GUIDANCE

SEVP Final Policy Guidance S13.2

- Emphasizes accountability for English proficiency as standard of admission
- English proficiency must be met prior to issuing a Form I-20
- If a Form I-20 is issued incorrectly, the school should correct it as soon as practicable

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DSO Requirements

REMINDERS

What are the requirements to be a DSO or PDSO?

- Regularly employed member of the school administration
- Cannot receive commission for recruiting international students
- Cannot have primary obligation of recruiting international students for compensation
- Have an office at the school
- A U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident

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DSO Best Practices

REMINDERS

- Submit PDSO and DSO updates in SEVIS separately
- Refer to SEVP Fact Sheet 1506-08
- One PDSO per instructional site, no limit on DSOs
- PDSO or DSO may not delegate responsibilities

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SEVP Contact Information

PHONE

703-603-3400

800-892-4829

EMAIL

Case-specific questions
SEVP@ice.dhs.gov

Technical issues
SEVISHelpDesk@ice.dhs.gov

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except holidays
Closed Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m.
for system maintenance and testing

Contact your local field representative for questions about SEVP policies, processes and updates

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STUDENT ONLINE RESOURCES

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Students and Employment

If you would like to study as a full-time student in the United States, you will need a student visa. There are two nonimmigrant visa categories for persons wishing to study in the United States. These visas are commonly known as the F and M visas.

You may enter in the F-1 or M-1 visa category provided you meet the following criteria:

- You must be enrolled in an "academic" educational program, a language-training program, or a vocational program
- Your school must be approved by the Student and Exchange Visitors Program, Immigration & Customs Enforcement
- You must be enrolled as a full-time student at the institution
- You must be proficient in English or be enrolled in courses leading to English proficiency
- You must have sufficient funds available for self-support during the entire proposed course of study
- You must maintain a residence abroad which you have no intention of giving up.

- Special Instructions for B-1/B-2 Visitors Who Want to Enroll in School

More Information

Other USCIS Links

- USCIS ELIS

Non-USCIS Links

- DOL Wage and Hour Division
- DOS J Visa Waiver
- Student and Exchange Visitor Program, Immigration & Customs Enforcement
- IRS: Foreign Students and Scholars
- DHS: STEM OPT Hub
- DHS: Training Opportunities

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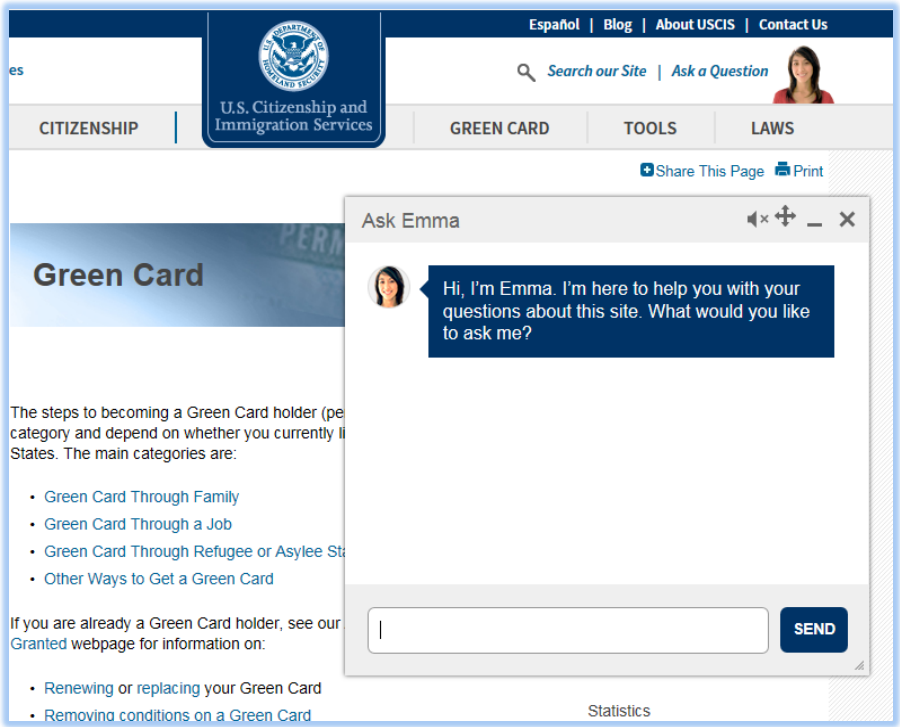
OUR NEWEST TOOL – EMMA

English website: www.uscis.gov/Emma



Spanish website: www.uscis.gov/es/Emma

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AFTER YOU FILE

Manage Your Case

Check your case status online

Find out the latest status of your case

Get automatic updates about your case

Sign up to receive an email when your case status updates

Submit an online request about your case

"New and improved" Make an online inquiry about certain applications and petitions

File a change of address online

Update your address so that USCIS can contact you about your status

Find a USCIS office

Local and international office locations and directions to get there

Make an appointment

Make an appointment to come into an office and speak with a representative

(www.uscis.gov/tools)

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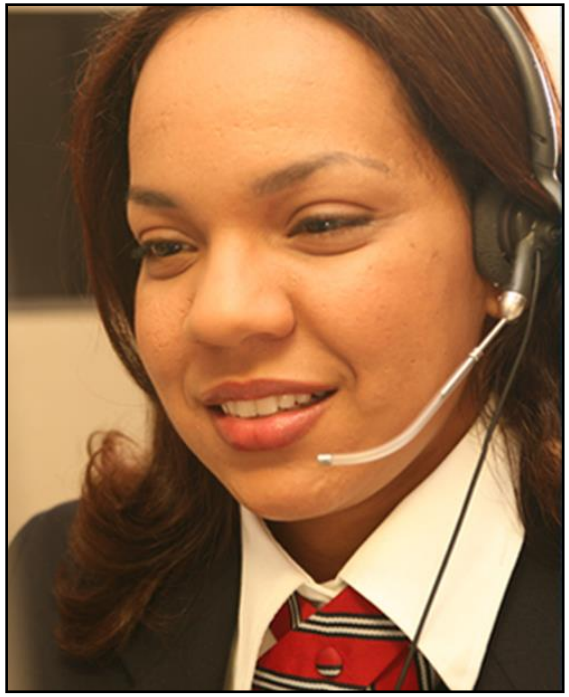
CUSTOMER SERVICE

- You can contact us at our **National Customer Service Center** at 1-800-375-5283.
- You can visit our **website** at www.uscis.gov to obtain information and resources in different languages.
- For inquiries, please send us an email to our **Public Engagement Mailbox** to Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov



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BEST SAVE VERIFICATION PRACTICES for DSOs and STUDENTS

- Provide agency applicants' most-recent immigration document.
- Attach applicant's immigration document for additional verification using Scan and Upload function.
- Use the "I-94 in Unexpired Foreign Passport" document type, when available.
- Request agency to submit additional verification, when prompted.
- Refer applicants to SAVE website (CaseCheck and fact sheets)

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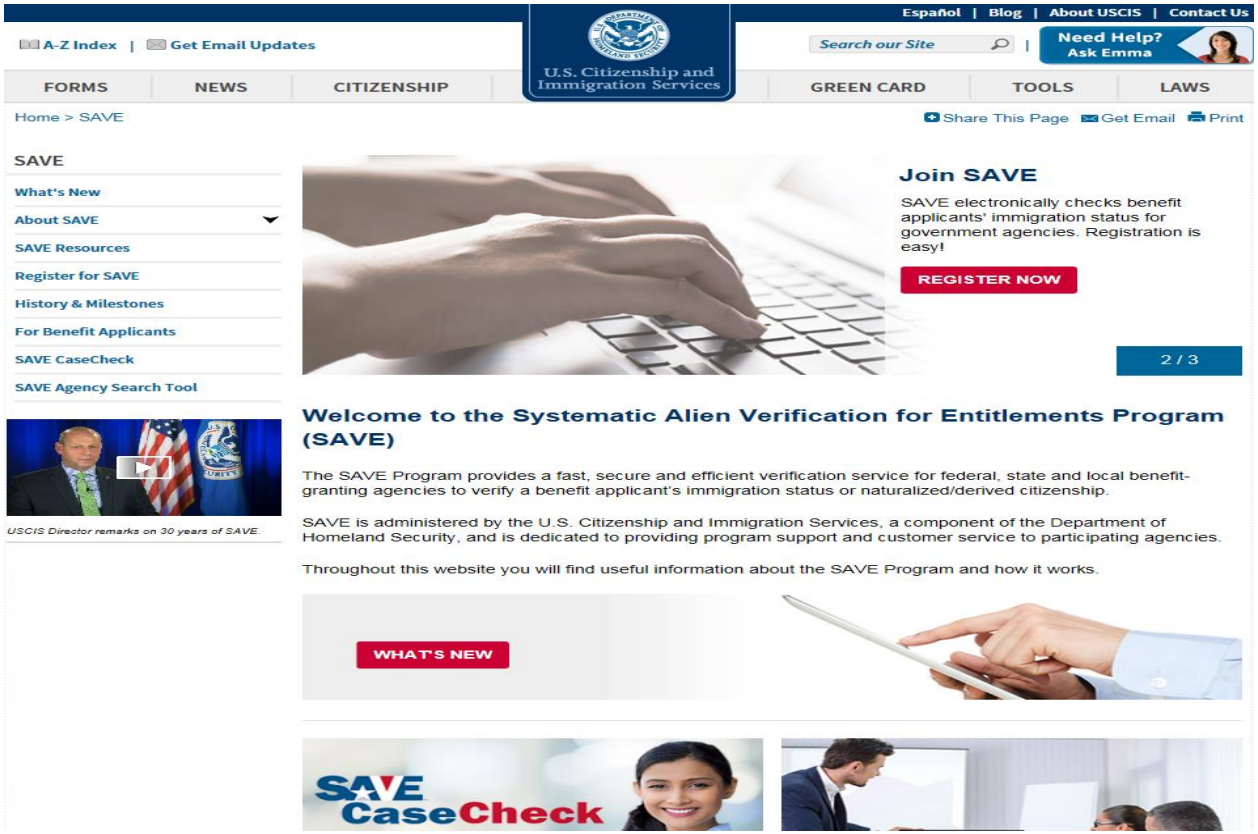
ONLINE RESOURCES for DSOs and STUDENTS



https://www.uscis.gov/save

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- U.S. Department of State, Exchange Visitor Program J1visa.state.gov
- EducationUSA www.educationusa.info
- US Commercial Service www.export.gov
- ICE SEVP StudyintheStates.dhs.gov
- USCIS www.uscis.gov
- USCIS, SAVE Program www.uscis.gov/save