

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST FOR U.S. HOSTED PARTICIPANTS

Below are documents AFS participants hosted in the U.S. will need to have in their possession when they travel abroad. These documents must be kept in a secure place and a copy retained at home or entrusted to your AFS volunteer for safekeeping. Ensure that you first obtain approval for the planned travel as required.

___ SEVIS DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor J-1 Visa Status)

If traveling outside of the U.S., be sure that your DS-2019 is endorsed by an AFS Responsible Officer. If you do not have the *Travel Validation by Responsible Officer* box completed, mail the form with a self-addressed, pre-paid courier envelope to -- AFS-USA Office, 120 Wall Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10005, Attn: Regional Travel & Logistics. (Phone: 800-237-4636, option 3). For domestic travel - carry a photocopy of your DS-2019, treat this as you would an original.

For Sponsored Program Students Only (YES/CBYX)

You must contact the Travel & Logistics Coordinator who will confirm permission for travel with the YES or CBYX Sponsored Programs Specialist, the partner country and natural parents, and secure the endorsement for the DS-2019 form. This process must begin at least three weeks prior to the intended travel departure date.

___ PASSPORT

You must carry a valid unexpired passport. Most countries require that your passport be valid at least six months beyond the conclusion of your visit. Make sure your passport validity date complies with the entry requirements for the country/ies you are visiting (including requirements for reentry to the U.S.) For those with expired or expiring passports, contact your country's embassy or consulate in the United States to renew your passport before travelling. You can obtain up-to-date information on passport renewal at <http://www.embassy.org/embassies/>. For non-air domestic travel - carry a copy of the photo and visa pages of your passport.

___ U.S. VISA

Check the J-1 U.S. visa stamp inside your passport. Is your visa stamp expired? Under **entries** – M is for multiple, 2 for double, and S is for single. A participant with an expired **multiple** entry visa stamp and a valid I-94 may have their visa automatically revalidated when they re-enter the US from Canada, Mexico or one of the adjacent Islands. Single entry visa is not eligible for automatic revalidation as it is presumed cancelled rather than expired. Please read carefully the conditions regarding Automatic Revalidation of US Visa in the AFS wiki or <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/automatic-revalidation.html>

___ I-94 ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE RECORD

Print out a copy of your I-94 record for presentation to the immigration officer upon your reentry to the US. <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home#section>

___ STUDENT ID and MEDICAL ID CARDS

You are advised to carry with you at all times your AFS Student and Medical ID cards. Your I.D. cards contain important contact information. If you get medical service abroad, you need to pay upfront and then send the receipts to AFS-USA. Keep a copy of the receipts for your records. In case of an illness or accident occurring in the US, you will be required to present your Medical ID card to the health care provider.

___ VISA(S) TO COUNTRY(IES) TO BE VISITED

It is your responsibility make sure that you have the proper visa and documentation to be **admitted** to the country/ies you intend to visit. For example, border authorities generally require foreign visitors to present a valid passport and visa, roundtrip airline ticket, proof of medical insurance, and for those less than 18 years old, a notarized Parental Consent form.

Embassies in Washington, D.C.: <http://www.embassy.org/embassies/>

Embassy of Canada: <http://www.cic.gc.ca>

Embassy of Mexico: <http://www.embassyofmexico.org>