

Advance Deposit Policy Regarding International Dependents



Background

Because of an increasing number of problems related to inadequate financial resources for J-2 and F-2 dependents, the following policies and procedures have been adopted governing the release of visa documents.

Medical insurance is of critical importance for all international dependents at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. International students and scholars are required to maintain appropriate insurance coverage for their dependents at all times during the stay in the United States. Appropriate insurance coverage for dependent wives must include maternity insurance. Public aid prenatal care **will not be sufficient and additional insurance is required.**

Initial Arrival Dependents

An advance deposit of \$3,000 for the spouse and \$1,500 per child is required before release of visa document(s) for their travel. These amounts are the estimated minimum requirements for supporting a dependent for one year at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Visa documents for dependents, furthermore, are only provided when the participant student has proven adequate funding for his or her own stay at SIUC. The advance payment is held until arrival of the dependent(s), at which time the participant must contact International Students and Scholars to initiate the purchase of insurance.

International Students & Scholars is not responsible for the enrollment of the dependent(s) in an insurance program. The participant must select the policy to be purchased and complete its enrollment forms. The medical insurance premium(s) for the period of stay up to one year will be paid directly to the insurance company of the participant's choice. The remainder of the advance deposit is paid out in one payment to the participant. If the dependent does not come to the United States, a full refund is made to the participant after return of the travel document or expiration of the travel documents, whichever occurs first.

If you wish to wire transfer your advance deposit to the university account, please notify Michelle at 618-453-5774 for details.

Dependents Already in the United States

Applicants for extension of stay (J and F visas) must show proof of health insurance coverage for dependent(s) before the new visa document will be issued.