



## International Students

### M-1 Visa Admission Requirements

The following requirements for International Students must be met before Red Arrow Flight Academy can issue the I-20 for your student M1 Visa:

1. You must be able to read, write and speak English.
2. Completed and signed International Student Nonimmigrant Visa Application M-1 and the Registration Non US Students. There must be no blank sections on the Application. To expedite the process, you may scan and email the signed application, forms and documents to: [admissions@flyredarrow.com](mailto:admissions@flyredarrow.com).
3. The following documents will need to be sent along with the application. These can be scanned and emailed.
  - o Scanned color copy of identification and expiration portion of passport
  - o Scanned copy of your signed application.
4. Proof of financial responsibility. This needs to be an official bank document showing that you have funds available for flight training desired and living expenses. Living expenses are based at approx. \$1200.00 per month while you are in the USA. If the funds are deposited in a bank in another individuals name you will need to have that person sign the affidavit of financial support stating that they will be financially responsible for your living expenses and flight training while in the USA.

A Declaration of Finances form must also be completed and signed.

5. Red Arrow Flight Academy will then send you an acceptance letter via email. You will then be required to pay the non-refundable Application fee of \$300, the Registration fee of \$150 and \$400 for the Online Ground School.
  - o Total fees of \$850.00 - Payable by credit card, cashiers check or PayPal. If you are expediting the process through email, please pay by PayPal by **clicking here**.
  - o If you wish to pay by cashiers check; mail the application, forms and documents to: Red Arrow Aviation LLC, 8063 Airport Rd. Santa Teresa, New Mexico 88008.



6. We will then mail or email the I-20 form so you can make an appointment to obtain your M-1 visa. Once you receive your I-20, you will need to log into SEVIS and pay your I-901 fee.
  - The current cost for this is \$200, please check the SEVIS website for up to date pricing. You will receive a receipt immediately after registration. Later you will receive your official receipt of payment in the mail. You must complete this step prior to scheduling your interview appointment with the American Embassy. Important - the information you enter on the Form I-901 must match exactly as is shown on the Form I-20. You may pay this fee by credit card online or you can print out the application and send it with a money order issued by an American bank. You must have this receipt when visiting the US Embassy to apply for your Visa (you will also need to show the receipt to Red Arrow upon your arrival for flight training). Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com).
  
7. Next you must call the nearest U.S. Embassy for an appointment to receive approval of the M-1 Visa. The student will then go to the U.S. Embassy with the appropriate documents for a routine interview. Appropriate documents include: Form I-20; Passport; Financial Statements; Receipt for payment of Form I-901. The student will be notified as to whether they have been approved or disapproved. If all is in order, the U.S. Embassy will provide the student with a M-1 Student Visa, permitting the student to enter the U.S. The length of time for this process varies from country to country. It may be a good idea to practice your interview with a friend or family member and to research the aviation field in your home country. Three of the most important questions asked by the Embassy are as follows:
  - Why you would like to become a pilot?
  - What assurance can you give us that you will return to your home country after completion of your flight training?
  - How do you know that you can obtain a position as a pilot after returning home?
  
8. Fill out application for a background check with TSA online. The application-processing fee for each course is currently \$130, please check the TSA website for current pricing. The name on the credit card used must match the name on the application. If there is no fingerprinting agency located in your home country, you will need to have the fingerprint portion completed after entering the United States. You can verify if there is an agency in your home country by going to the link below and completing the form, after which, an email will be sent to you requesting fingerprints and you will be given access to a website that will show you all



fingerprinting agencies. The TSA fee does not have to be paid until after you have received approval for your M-1 Visa. [www.flightschoolcandidates.gov](http://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov)

If you are unable to process fingerprints in your home country, Red Arrow can help you schedule an appointment for you locally. Please allow 7 – 10 business days for TSA fingerprint processing. Please note that you will not be able to begin your flight training program until your TSA fingerprints have been processed and Red Arrow receives final approval from the TSA for your flight training.

9. Time to pack your bags! After receiving an M-1 Visa, the student must provide Red Arrow with the details of his/her travel arrangements before entry to the United States.
10. It is recommended that all International Students purchase a "Medical/Accident" Insurance Policy prior to arriving in the U.S., for the length of time they are in flight training at Red Arrow.
11. Welcome to Red Arrow Flight Academy! Let's start your flight training!!