

## **International Student Program**

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## REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

## **Eligibility**

To be considered for reinstatement to F-1 status in the United States, you must:

- 1. not have been out of status for more than 5 months prior to filing for reinstatement;
- 2. not have a record of repeated violations;
- 3. be pursuing or will in the next available term be pursuing a full course of study;
- 4. not have engaged in unauthorized employment and
- 5. show that the violation resulted in "circumstances beyond your control" or that failure to reinstate you would result in extreme hardship.

## **Required Documents/ Evidence**

- 1. Fee of \$290 payable to "DHS" by check or money order.
- 2. Original Form I-539 Application to Extend/ Change Nonimmigrant Status (can be downloaded from <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">http://www.uscis.gov</a>) marked for "REINSTATMENT".
- 3. Original SEVIS Form I-20 for Reinstatement from Las Positas College
- 4. Copies of all prior Form I-20s from previous schools you were authorized to attend.
- 5. Original Form I-94
- 6. Photocopy of passport showing validity date, biographical page, and nonimmigrant visa page.
- 7. Original and current financial support documents (same information used to obtain the I-20 from Las Positas College)
- 8. Student letter of explanation as to why you failed to maintain your student status. This letter should specify the violation and the reason for the status violation, a statement that you are currently pursuing or are intending to pursue a full course of study, the effect on you of failure to receive reinstatement and specifically request that USCIS reinstate you to F-1 student status. This letter should explain convincingly that the violation resulted from circumstances beyond your control.
- 9. Official transcripts of all schools attended.(optional but may be helpful)