

Corporate Helicopters International Student - Informational Packet

Congratulations on your decision to become a helicopter pilot! The purpose of this packet is to assist you with enrolling as an international student with Corporate Helicopters. This first part of this packet will give a brief overview of the step-by-step process to obtain your M-1 visa and become a helicopter flight student with us. The rest of the packet will give you a more detailed description on how each of the steps are to be conducted.

Done?	SEVIS Checklist
Yes	1. Complete and submit the International Student Application
	2. If accepted into the flight program, await the I-20 via post mail
	3. Pay the I-901 Processing Fee for your I-20
	4. Complete and pay for the M-1 Visa and schedule your Visa Interview at a US Embassy
	5. Email Copies of M-1 Visa and Passport to Corporate Helicopters
	6. Apply for TSA clearance
	7. Schedule your flight to San Diego, CA
	8. Make contact with Corporate Helicopters upon immediate arrival in the US
	9. Arrive to class within 30 days of entering the US

1. Complete and submit the International Student Application back to Corporate Helicopters via email at peter@corporatehelicopters.com. In order to be considered and accepted into the flight-training program, you must fill out the application and sign in the signature box.
2. If you are indeed accepted into the flight-training program with Corporate Helicopters, we will proceed with generating you an I-20. The I-20 is an official document, through which, we inform the US Consulate that you have been accepted into our flight program. We will mail you the original, signed copy of the I-20 and email you a scanned copy for you to keep with your records. *Please note that you will need to bring the original, signed copy of the I-20 with you to your scheduled Visa interview.*
3. Pay the I-901 processing fee for you I-20 online at: <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>

Enter your:

- Name (as it appears on your I-20)

- SEVIS number (ie: N0005988705)
- Date of birth
- Our school code: SND214F5172800

Please print a copy of the online receipt before exiting the receipt page. Be sure to make copies of your receipt, and keep it with your other important immigration documents. *Please note that processing of this fee can take up to 3 business days and must be completed prior to your visa interview.*

4. Complete and pay for the M-1 Visa application and schedule your Visa Interview. Visit <http://www.vfs-usa.co.in/Home.aspx> to obtain fee payment information and to schedule your visa interview. Visit <http://www.usembassy.gov> to locate the nearest US Embassy to schedule your Visa Interview.
5. Email copies of your Visa and Passport once you receive your M-1 Visa to peter@corporatehelicopters.com
6. Apply to TSA Clearance. Refer to notes section at the end of this packet for more detailed information. To do so, please fill out the Transportation Security Administration (TSA/Alien Flight Student Program (AFSP) application at: https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov/afsp2?acct_type=c§ion=WN
7. Schedule your flight to San Diego, CA! Make sure you are arriving before your scheduled start date that is posted on your I-20.
8. Make contact immediately upon arrival in the US. You can do this either by phone, or email to point of contact.
9. You must arrive at Corporate Helicopters within 30 days of your arrival into the US. Make sure you allow adequate time to get to San Diego prior to your start date, so as you are present on your start date.

Housing

The best methods of locating affordable housing would be through www.craigslist.org/sandiego

The Kearny Mesa and Clairemont areas are the closest neighborhoods to the airport.

Go to the following website for listing of apartments near Montgomery Field Airport:

http://us.justdial.com/CA/San_Diego/Residential_Apartments/near_Montgomery_Field_Airport/ct_24030300

How do I get a Visa?

Part 141 schools are authorized, under Federal Law, to enroll Non-Immigrant Alien (International) students and Resident Aliens into flight training classes, through SEVP. An international student is defined as any individual who is not a US Citizen or permanent resident of the US. A Resident Alien (Green Card Holder) is considered a permanent resident of the US, who continues to be a citizen of another country.

The M-1 Visa allows foreign students to attend full-time, flight instruction (vocational school) in the U.S. Please note that you may also apply for the M-2 Visa, which will allow your dependents to accompany you to the U.S. *Please be aware that Corporate Helicopters only hosts M-1 or M-2 holders, therefore, you **MUST** have an M-1 or M-2 Visa to be accepted into Corporate Helicopters Flight Training Program.*

To obtain your M-1 Student Visa, first you must go to the Student and Exchange Visitors Information Service (SEVIS) website: www.FMJfee.com and complete the SEVIS I-901 Form and pay the required \$200.00 application fee. Resident Aliens are not required to pay this fee. You must have your I-20 first and you will need information (N#, Name and Birth Date, etc) from this form.

The I-901 Form fee can be paid using a credit card.

Next, you will need to call the nearest U.S. Embassy to set an appointment for your routine interview and to receive your Visa. Then you will go to the U.S. Embassy with the appropriate documents for the routine interview.

The appropriate documents include: I-20 Form, Passport, Financial Statements, and Receipt for payment of Form I-901. You will be notified as to whether you have been approved or disapproved. If all is in order, the U.S. Embassy will provide you, the student, with an M-1 Student Visa permitting you to enter the United States. The length of time for this process varies from country to country. We suggest you practice your interview with a friend or family member and research the aviation field in your home country.

Two of the most important questions asked by the U.S. Embassy are as follows:

- Why would you 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?

You may be asked to present to the U.S. Embassy a copy of our Air Agency Certificate which will be sent via FedEx with your I-20.

TSA (Transportation Security Administration) Clearance

It is very important that you begin the process of getting your TSA clearance as soon as you decide that you are going to train with us. Doing this BEFORE you arrive will ensure a quicker start to your training. The application processing fee for each course is \$130. You must apply for each course individually. 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 of this process completed after entering the United States. You can verify if there is an agency in your home country by going to the TSA link: www.flightschoolcandidates.gov , and completing the form. An email will be sent to you requesting fingerprints and you will be given access to a website that will list all fingerprinting agencies. The TSA fee can be paid after you have received approval for your M-1 Student Visa.

The TSA Clearance process:

- Go to www.flightschoolcandidates.gov
- Click LOGIN → New Student Account
- Complete all the requested information; if you have any questions, we can help you. Here are a few items that students usually need assistance in completing.
- You MUST give your Last Name and Your First Name
- Training Request Course Name: Initial, Category 3, course code 101
- Aircraft Type is the particular aircraft model you will be flying to earn your rating, for example: Robinson R-22, Robinson R-44
- Category is 3; this signifies aircraft under 12,500 lbs
- Pay directly to the TSA the \$130 processing fee.
- You will also need to upload a clear color copy of your passport and your visa. A very important part of your TSA clearance is fingerprinting. If you can secure your fingerprints prior to your arrival, this will enable you to begin your training with little to no delay. If your fingerprinting is not processed prior to your arrival to the United States, you may delay commencement of your student pilot training up to 45 days.