



## HOW TO APPLY FOR CHANGE OF STATUS TO F-1 STUDENT STATUS

### HOW TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF STATUS

Before you apply for change of status to F-1 student status, you should understand the process and rules governing the issuance of F-1 status. Many applications fail because the student did not understand the rules or did not submit enough evidence how he/she will benefit completing a college degree in the U.S. Don't let this happen to you!

F-1 student status is appropriate if you intend to pursue full-time studies in the United States. If you are currently in the United States as a temporary worker, diplomat, exchange visitor or any other non-immigrant classification EXCEPT Visitor in WT or WB status and need to change to F-1 student status, follow the procedures indicated below.

**Exceptions** - Non-immigrants subject to the Section 212 (e) two-year home residency requirement are ineligible to apply. Those in WT or WB are also ineligible.

In order to qualify for F-1 student status, you must be admitted to a full-time program of study at Essex County College and obtain a Form I-20 from our office.

Please make an appointment with International Student Advisor/DSO's regarding change of status application.