

I-485 Permanent Resident Pending Decision Form for F-1 Students

When you file the I-485 application to adjust your status from a non-immigrant to an immigrant, you are considered to be pending for permanent residency or sometimes called PR Pending or I-485 Pending. Once the I-485 is filed, it may take months or years before you receive the adjudication from USCIS (Please consult a qualified immigration attorney). As long as you comply with the F-1 visa regulations, your SEVIS record will not be terminated. During the time that you have an I-485 application pending with USCIS, you may choose to maintain your F-1 status or not, as shown in the two pathways below:

I-485 Pending Pathway 1: Maintaining F-1 Status

Although maintaining student status is no longer required once you file the immigrant application and receive the I-485 receipt notice (PR pending), there is a practical benefit to maintaining your legal F-1 status in case the adjudication result is negative. All this requires for you is to maintain and follow the regulations pertaining to your F-1 status.

I-485 Pending Pathway 2: Not Maintaining F-1 Status

If you have filed the immigrant application and received the I-485 receipt (PR pending) and you do not maintain your F-1 status, our office must terminate your SEVIS record. We will not terminate your F-1 status if you are maintaining your status. That is, just by having the I-485 receipt is not enough for us to justify a termination of your SEVIS record. When we terminate your SEVIS record by reporting a status violation, you are completely counting on your PR to be approved. You have no backup plan. **Keep in mind that being classified as a “Resident” for tuition purposes DOES NOT change your immigration or visa status. You may still be charged for the health insurance and ISSSO fees.**

NOTE: As soon as you receive your permanent residency card (e.g. green card) or have an I-551 stamp in your passport, please bring the document to our office so we can have your UH record changed to reflect your Immigrant (Alien Permanent) status.

Please Complete the Following Information

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

SEVIS ID: N _____ Phone: _____

- Pathway 1:** I have filed the I-485 application and I voluntarily choose to comply with the F-1 regulations and maintain my legal F-1 status. This will provide me with a “backup plan” if my PR application or petition fails. I will still be coded as F-1 with Permanent Residency Pending in PS with an active SEVIS record. I can switch to **Pathway 2** if I do not want to maintain enrollment in school or otherwise failing to maintain status and informing ISSSO.
- Pathway 2:** I have filed the I-485 application. I am **not** maintaining the F-1 student regulations, and I understand that my F-1 record in SEVIS will be terminated for failure to enroll or otherwise failing to maintain status. I understand that ISSSO cannot terminate my F-1 status without a status violation. I will still be coded as F-1 with Permanent Residency Pending in PS with a terminated SEVIS record. I understand that I may still be charged for health insurance and ISSSO fees.

Signature: _____ Date: _____