International Student Resource Center

F-2 DEPENDENTS

How your required I-20 funding amount grows when you add dependents

To bring a spouse or child on F-2 status, you must show your DSO extra funds on top of your own tuition and living costs.

+$10,000 for dependents



F-1 STUDENT

Tuition and fees	$30,000	52%
Living expenses	$18,000	31%

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Spouse	$6,000	10%
One child	$4,000	7%

A spouse and one child add $10,000, about 21% more than the student's own costs.

Example only. Schools typically add about $5,000–$7,000 a year for a spouse and $3,000–$5,000 for each child. Your school sets the exact amounts; ask your DSO.