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Fee Increases for Student and Exchange Visitor Program Participants to Visit the United States

The American Embassy in Damascus announces the fees associated with studying and participating in exchange programs in the U.S. will increase on October 27, 2008. This fee increase will fund additional improvements to the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) system and further enhance the ability of the United States to open its doors to international visitors and secure its borders.

- The SEVIS fee for nonimmigrant students (F or M visa) will increase from \$100 to \$200;
- The SEVIS fee for exchange visitor travelers (J visa) will increase from \$100 to \$180;
- However, nonimmigrant students and exchange visitor travelers (F, M, and J visa) who pay their SEVIS fee before October 27, 2008 will pay the current fee of \$100, even if they travel or apply for their visa after October 27, 2008.

For more information please visit

http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevp_factsheet.pdf

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