Renewing your F-1 visa

Is your F-1 visa about to expire? Here’s what you’ll need to do to renew it.

1. Before you leave the U.S., check your I-20 to make sure it is current, and that your program end date is correct. If it is not correct, contact ISS for steps to get a new I-20.
2. Get a travel signature (endorsement) from ISS.
3. Check the expiration date on your passport. Make sure it is valid for at least six months past your visa appointment.
4. Schedule an appointment at the embassy in your home country. (It is not possible to renew a visa while in the U.S.) You can find your nearest embassy at https://www.usembassy.gov/.
5. For your appointment, take:
   * Your school transcripts
   * Registration for the current or upcoming term.
   * Any receipt of payment for tuition.
   * Copy of your I-94 (available at https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/).
   * Receipt of payment of your I-901 fee (you can print out a receipt at fmjfee.com).
   * Proof of funding to pay for your degree (recommended)
   * Proof of ties to home country (recommended)