

International Enrollment



STUDENT CANDIDATE INFORMATION The following instructions have been created to simplify and streamline the procedures of obtaining TSA clearance and getting your flight training visa for SDFTI.

San Diego Flight Training International (SDFTI) is authorized by the United States Government to issue the I-20 form that is needed to gain entry and begin flight train in the USA. Non-US citizen flight students, if approved, are granted the M-1 visa..

Thank you for considering the exceptional advantages to training in San Diego and with SDFTI.

THIS PROCESS IS EASY! **PLEASE FOLLOW EACH STAGE IN THIS GUIDE:**

STAGE 1-A. Obtain a User ID and Password from TSA

The applicant (International Student or Resident Alien) will register on the TSA website: <http://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov> All International Students and Resident Aliens (Green Card Holders) are required to submit personal information to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), so a background check can be completed prior to starting each flight training course at SDFTI.

- At www.flightschoolcandidates.gov get a “user id” and a “password.” As a first-time visitor the applicant will click on the “new student account” link beside the “login” icon.
- Complete the On-Line Account Request Form and click on the “submit request” button.
- The “user id” and “password” from TSA will arrive by email almost immediately.

STAGE 1-B. Provide TSA with Candidate Information

- After receiving the User Name and Password from TSA, the International Student or Resident Alien logs in at www.flightschoolcandidates.gov.
- Complete all required information in Part 1 – Steps 1 through Step 6
The following will take to each step inside this document:

Step: 1--Basic Information

Step: 2--[Other Names](#)

Step: 3--[Citizenship Information](#)

Step: 4--[Identification Numbers](#)

Step: 5--[Address Information](#)

Step: 6--[Employment](#)

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STAGE 1-C. Provide TSA with Request for Training details

- Complete all required information in TSA Part 2 – Step 7
NOTE: *Regardless of the total amount of training you intend to do, this initial application is **only for the first course in your program.** This example is for the Private Pilot course where most students begin their training*

A screenshot of a web browser window titled "Alien Flight Student Program - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov/afsp/validated.html". The page header features the Transportation Security Administration logo and the text "Transportation Security Administration". The main heading is "Change Flight Training Application". The form contains the following fields:

State:	California
Provider Name:	San Diego Flight Training International <input type="button" value="Find"/>
Student Identification # from school:	<input type="text"/>
Course ID#:	P01 I02 C03 M04
Course Name:	PPL IR CPL ME
Course Description:	PRIMARY FLIGHT TRAINING INTL
Aircraft Type:	CESSNA 172 PIPER ARROW BEECHCRAFT DUCHESNE
Start Date:	July 10 2006
End Date:	June 10 2006

Buttons include "Save Record", "Delete Training Request", "Cancel", and "Help". A left-hand navigation menu includes sections for "Part 1--Candidate Information", "Part 2--Request For Training", "Request History", "Legal Notices", and "Assistance".

State
Provider

California (Get from drop down menu)
San Diego Flight Training International



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STAGE 1-C. (Continued) Provide TSA with Request for Training details

Course ID#: **P01**

This varies based on your starting point. Most people begin with the private pilot course. You only list the first course in your program for this initial application form. *The example (image) above is for the private pilot course. Here are the other course options.*

Private Pilot Certificate P01
Instrument Rating I02
Commercial Pilot Certificate C03
Multi Engine Rating M04
Certified Flight Instructor C05
CFI Instrument C06
CFI Multiengine M07

Course Name: **Private Pilot Certificate**

This name varies based on your starting point. Most people begin with the private pilot course. You only list the first course in your program for this application form. *The example (image) above is for the private pilot course. Here are the other course options.*

Private Pilot Certificate PPL
Instrument Rating IR
Commercial Pilot Certificate CPL
Multi Engine Rating ME
Certified Flight Instructor CFI
CFI Instrument CFII
CFI Multiengine MEI

Course Description:

PRIMARY FLIGHT TRAINING INTL

Please use this 'course description' name on this application for any of these courses: Private, Instrument, Commercial, or Multiengine.

Aircraft Types: **CESSNA 172 CESSNA 152**

These names vary based on your starting point. Most people begin with the private pilot course. You only list the first course in your program for this application form. *The example (image) above is for the private pilot course. Here are the other course options.*

Private Pilot Certificate	-CESSNA 172
	-CESSNA 152
Instrument Rating	-CESSNA 172
Commercial Pilot Certificate	-CESSNA 172
	-CESSNA 152
	-PIPER ARROW
Multi Engine Rating	-PIPER SEMINOLE
	-PIPER SENECA



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STAGE 1-C. (Continued) Provide TSA with Request for Training details

Start Date & End Date:

January 1 2008 & December 31 2008

Please note that for the purpose of this application you can specify up to a 365 day period from your start date.

While you should be able to complete Private, Instrument, Commercial, and Multiengine courses in six to seven months, we allow for up to a year on this application to cover any delays. Once your program is complete your visa will be cancelled and the proper authorities notified in accordance with the regulations of the United States. At that time you are required to leave the country. The times below should allow you to easily finish the various courses. You can use the times cumulatively for this application.

Private Pilot Certificate	3.5 Months
Instrument Rating	3.5 Months
Commercial Pilot Certificate	4.0 Months
Multi Engine Rating	1.0 Months
Certified Flight Instructor	2.0 Months
CFI Instrument	1.0 Months
CFI Multiengine	0.5 Months

STAGE 1-D. Provide TSA with Request for Training details

Complete information in Part 2 – Step 8

- Please Choose “**Category 3**”: Candidates who request training for aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 12,500 pounds or less.

STAGE 1-E. Provide TSA Required Documents

You have a number of options (upload, email, and fax) to deliver these documents.

STAGE 1-F. Payment to TSA

After completing your application, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will notify the flight school that you have submitted your application. The flight school will verify that you have made arrangements to train at that school. Once TSA has verified your information with the flight training provider, you will receive email instructions on how to pay the \$130 processing fee.

STAGE 2. Finger Prints

After paying the TSA Application Fee, the International Student or Resident Alien will be told to get fingerprinted. The fingerprint cards and the application fee must be received by TSA before the flight training can be started.

NOTE:

- There may be an additional charge for this service.
- If TSA determines that the International Student or Resident Alien is a security threat and the student has started their training, the school will be notified and the flight training will be stopped immediately

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STAGE 3. Opening an account with SDFTI

You should now enroll at San Diego Flight Training International by:

- Open your flight training account with \$5,000.00* by sending a wire transferred to our bank:

Union Bank of California
5121 Waring Road
San Diego, CA 92120

Account:	San Diego Flight Training International
Account #:	0190047822
SWIFT Code #:	BOFCUS33MPK
Routing Transfer # (RTN):	122000496

Opening an account with **\$5,000 USD is NOT A FEE! This demonstrates good faith intent to the US Government and thereby helps to justify the initiation (Stage 4) of the VISA process. This money can be used as part of your tuition. The first third of your tuition must be delivered prior to beginning your training. **If the student does not qualify for a visa, all unused funds on account will be returned when SDFTI receiving the cancelled original I-20.***

Note: All enrollment forms will be completed with the Admissions Department upon your arrival at the school.

STAGE 4. I-20 Issued

Upon receipt of these items, SDFTI will issue and send the International Student, the I-20 M-N Form to apply for the M-1 Student Training Visa. Resident Aliens will not need an M-1 Visa to train.

STAGE 5. SEVIS I-901

Go to the Student and Exchange Visitors Information Service (SEVIS) website: www.FMJfee.com and complete the SEVIS I-901 Form and pay the required \$100.00 application fee. Resident Aliens are not required to pay this fee.

The I-901 Form fee can be paid using a credit card or sending a check or money order drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars, by courier mail service, such as FedEx, DHL, etc. to:

I-901 Student / Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
1005 Convention Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101

This fee must be paid before the applicant arrives at the US Embassy or Consulate for the visa interview.

STAGE 6. Visa Interview

Make an appointment with a US Embassy or Consulate of your choosing for your visa interview.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -- International Student and Resident Aliens MUST:

- be 17 years old to earn and hold a Private Pilot License.
- be 18 years old to earn and hold a Commercial Pilot License.
- be able to Read, Speak, Write and Understand English.
- be able to pass and hold a Class II FAA Medical Examination.
- Train on an M-1 Student Visa.
- be photographed at the start of their flight training program.
- (RECOMMENDED) purchase a medical/accident insurance policy for their flight training period.



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UPDATES AND ADVISORIES

Training Dates

- For training requests, training dates may not exceed one year. After a candidate receives approval to train, they must begin within 180 days.

Fingerprint Procedures Update

- Effective 17 April 2006, if a candidate submits/submitted fingerprints prior to paying for his/her training request and receiving the official Alien Flight Student Program (AFSP) fingerprinting instructions, the fingerprints are invalid and the associated training request(s) will be cancelled.

TSA QUESTIONS

If you should have questions throughout the application process please view the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) link or you can contact the Alien Flight Student Program Help Desk at AFSP.help@dhs.gov or (703) 542-1222.

If you are an AFSP Candidate, and are in need of a new account on the system, please select the link in order to fill out an account request template.

If you already have an account on the TSA system but forgot your password, please select the link in order to reset your password.

The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Alien Flight Student Program website. (www.flightschoolcandidates.gov) The mission of the Alien Flight Student Program is to ensure that Non-U.S. Citizen candidates seeking training at flight schools regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) do not pose a threat to aviation or national security. This website contains the application for aliens seeking to train at FAA-regulated flight schools. Candidates are required to complete this application prior to beginning flight training in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 44939 and 49 CFR 1552.

Taking flight training without an appropriate visa could be a violation of your immigration status and could result in your arrest and removal from the United States; therefore, it is important that you have a visa that permits you to take flight training in the United States. If you do not possess the correct visa, or if you have questions pertaining to your visa status or the appropriate visas for flight training, please contact your local Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1-800-375-5283 or at, <http://www.uscis.gov> or the State Department Consular Affairs Office for assistance. The AFSP will deny flight training requests from candidates who are present in the United States illegally or who do not have an appropriate visa for flight training. Fees paid for denied applications are not refundable.