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M-1 Visa Instructions

Star Helicopter LLC

Star Helicopters LLC is approved to offer M-1 Visa for international students interested in training full-time at Star Helicopters LLC.

The M-1 Visa is used for both short-term vocational education experiences, e.g. Private or Commercial Pilot Certificates, as well as full professional pilot programs. The M-1 Visa may be issued for a maximum of 12 months, but you may apply for an extension of up to 12 months for a nominal fee.

When on an M-1 Visa, a student cannot change to an F-1 (academic) or employment visa.

Application Requirements

1. **Application for Admission:** Submit a completed and signed International Student Registration Application form for admission.
2. **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Registration:** Register at flightschoolcandidates.gov.

Instructions for completing your TSA request: [Step by Step Instructions](#)

3. **A \$140.00 TSA Application Fee will be charged by the TSA.**
4. **Finger prints will be charged when TSA instructs you to get your finger prints completed.**
5. **International Student Registration Fee:** A non-refundable \$500.00 USD registration fee is required from each international student. Star Helicopters LLC accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express or the fee may be wired to the school.
6. **SEVIS Application Fee:** A non-refundable \$200.00 USD SEVIS application fee will be charged.

7. **Financial Verification:** Financial verification of monies available to cover the respective training courses selected and living expenses is required to complete each course.

The estimated costs of our Helicopter Training Programs are...

Private Pilot = \$16,600.00
Living Expenses = \$2,800.00
Total = \$19,400.00
7 Weeks Duration

Commercial Pilot = \$28,202.50
Living Expenses = \$3,600.00
Total = \$31,802.50
9 Weeks Duration

Commercial Pilot with Instrument = \$41,500.00
Living Expenses = \$6,000.00
Total = \$47,500.00
15 Weeks Duration

Instrument Rating = \$19,400.00
Living Expenses = \$2,400.00
Total = \$21,800.00
6 Weeks Duration

CFI = \$9,200.00
Living Expenses = \$2,800.00
Total = \$12,000.00
7 Weeks Duration

CFII = \$3500.00
Living Expenses = \$2,800.00
Total = \$6,300.00
6 Weeks Duration

Professional Pilot Program = \$44,802.50
(Private, Commercial)
Living Expenses = \$10,400.00
Total = \$55,202.50
26 Weeks Duration

Professional Pilot Instrument Program = \$58,100.00
(Private, Commercial, Instrument)
Living Expenses = \$15,600.00
Total = \$73,700.00
39 Weeks Duration

Professional Pilot Instrument Instructor Program = \$70,800.00
(Private, Commercial, Instrument, CFI, CFII)
Living Expenses = \$20,800.00
Total = \$91,600.00
52 Weeks Duration

Price Estimates include Books, Written Exams, Check Rides

These costs are based on the FAA minimum requirements; they are not set prices. Additional flight or ground time beyond minimums are charged at the current market rates.

Living expenses are estimated to be \$400.00 USD per week.

Financial verification of monies available to cover the respective expenses is required; this may be in the form of a notarized copy of a bank statement, an approved loan application or a notarized affidavit of support. All documents must be accompanied by a notarized English translation denoting monies in U.S. dollars.

8. **Language Proficiency:** Each student is required to speak, read, and understand English. It may be necessary to conduct a phone interview to assess such abilities.
9. **I-20 Issued:** Once all these requirements are met an I-20, the application for an M-1 Visa, will be issued and mailed to you.
10. **M-1 Application:** To apply for the visa, go to the nearest [U.S. visa issuing post](#) (Embassy or Consulate). A non-refundable \$160.00 USD Visa application fee will be charged during you Visa application process.
11. **Reporting to Star helicopters:** You must report to Star Helicopters LLC at the agreed upon date once you arrive in Los Angeles. You will be processed into the School and a \$1000.00 enrollment processing fee will be charged at that time. Star Helicopters LLC accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express or the fee may be wired to the school.