Immigration Documents

Form I-94

This is a white card that shows your arrival date in the United States. It should be stapled to your passport until you leave the country. It shows your status (e.g. F-1, J-1, B-2, etc.), and your expected departure date from the U.S. “D/S” (Duration of Status) means that you may remain in the U.S. until completion of your current program of study. (Your graduation date plus 60 days for F-1 students or your graduation date plus 30 days if you are in J-1 status.)

Form I-20

This document is your Certificate of Eligibility for F-1 status, and is used for entry to the U.S. and to record work authorization, practical training, and transfer approval, among other things. Keep this form with your passport and do not surrender it when leaving the United States. Your SEVIS ID is located in the upper right hand corner of your I-20. It is a 10 digit number beginning with an N.

The DS-2019

This document is your Certificate of Eligibility for J-1 status, and is also used for entry to the U.S. and to record academic training. Keep this with your passport and do not surrender it when leaving the United States. Your SEVIS ID is located in the upper right hand corner of your DS-2019. It is a 10 digit number beginning with an N.

You should keep copies of all I-20s and DS-2019s issued to you; they become a part of your permanent record.