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<td>▪ Form DS-2019 or &quot;Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor.</td>
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<td>▪ Full time, degree seeking international students are eligible for F-1 visa.</td>
<td>▪ Students with only personal or family funding are NOT eligible for a J-1 visa.</td>
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<td>▪ Majority of international students at MSU are on F-1 visa.</td>
<td>▪ Original Form DS-2019 must be used for visa and travel purposes</td>
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<td>▪ Any student admitted into a degree program at MSU is eligible to apply for an F-1 student visa.</td>
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<td>▪ Individuals in F-2 status may not accept employment (paid or unpaid) or engage in business under any circumstances.</td>
<td>▪ J-2 spouses and J-2 children age 14 and above are eligible to apply for work authorization through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).</td>
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<td>▪ F-2 spouse may enroll in less than a full course of study.</td>
<td>▪ All J-2 dependents are eligible to study full-time at any level</td>
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<td>▪ F-1 students are generally permitted to work on-campus a maximum of 20 hours per week during fall/spring semesters.</td>
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<td>▪ Eligible F-1 students wishing to work off-campus MUST apply for a temporary work authorization called CPT</td>
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<td>▪ F-1 students and their F-2 dependents have a 60-day grace period following the completion of program or OPT.</td>
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<td>▪ MSU requires every enrolled student to have the MSU student health insurance plan.</td>
<td>▪ Federal law requires both J-1 students and their dependents to maintain adequate health insurance.</td>
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