



EMBASSY OF JAMAICA

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NO OBJECTION APPLICATIONS

The Letter of No Objection is a statement that confirms that the exchange visitor's government has no objection to the applicant:

- not returning to the home country to satisfy the two - year foreign residency requirement and;
- remaining in the US if he or she chooses to do so.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LETTER OF NO OBJECTION:

- Letter (signed by applicant) requesting letter of No Objection.
- Copy of most recent DS 2019 form
- Copy of data page of Jamaican passport
- Copy of TRN card
- Copy of I-94
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of updated resume (including secondary school education)
- Copy of Third-Party Barcode
- Copy of current/most recent J1 Visa
- Money order in the amount of \$65.00 USD made payable to "Embassy of Jamaica"

KINDLY SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ABOVE ONLY

Applications may be mailed to:

Embassy of Jamaica
1520 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Washington, DC, 20036

THE PROCESS:

Step 1

The applicant applies for a change of his/her J-1 Visa status at the US Department of State website www.travel.state.gov. The applicant will be given a case number.

Step 2

Once the applicant has completed the first step with the State Department, they would then submit a request for a Letter of No Objection to the Embassy of Jamaica. Upon receipt of the application, the documents are reviewed, and compliant applications are forwarded to the Ministry of Finance



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and the Public Service in Jamaica for processing. Please note that if the application is non-compliant, the applicant is advised in writing of the necessary actions to be taken.

Processing time generally takes **3 to 4 months after** the documents are received by the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.

When the application is approved, the Scholarship and Assistance Unit sends written notification to the Embassy. Upon approval, the Embassy will produce the Letter of No Objection and send it to the Department of State within 5 business days. Thereafter, the U.S. State Department will continue with their processing for the visa waiver.

For information and procedures on how to apply for the Waiver, visit the US Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov. The applicant will be given a case number, which is to be stated in the request to the Embassy.