

# Dependent Travel Without Principal

## Documents Required for Travel

- Valid Passport
- Valid Visa
- Evidence of relationship to principal (Birth Certificate, Marriage License, etc.)
- Original I-797 H-4 Approval Notice, F-2 I-20 or J-2 DS-2019 (and J-2 EAD card if applicable)
- Copy of the I-797 H1B Approval Notice, F-1 I-20 (and F-1 OPT EAD if applicable) or J-2 DS-2019
- Employment Verification Form for the H1B or F-1 OPT Principal (LSUHSC employment verification is obtained using the Work Number system.)
- (2) Most recent pay check stubs for the H1B principal or F-1 OPT Principal (additional evidence of continued employment and financial resources. Paycheck stubs may be used in addition to or without the Employment Verification Form)
- Entire copy of the H1B I-129 petition with LCA and supporting documents if applicable.
- Entire copy of the I-539 petition and supporting documents if applicable.
- Documentation of other financial support if principal does not have full time work authorization.

If you will apply for a new visa before returning to the United States:

- Letter prepared by International Services to present at your visa application appointment

### **Form I-94 (Arrival / Departure Record):**

Upon U.S. reentry make sure that the newly issued form I-94 expiration date matches the end date on the I-797 H Approval Notice. Although there is no automatic grace period for H status after the period of authorized stay ends, on occasion, an additional 10 day grace period may be added to the status end date shown on the form I-94.

If you are enrolled in a Trusted Traveler Program such as Global Entry or Nexus, be sure NOT to use it when going through immigration processing when entering/re-entering the United States. Doing so will automatically admit you in B1/B2 status, which does not permit full time study or employment. Use the documents issued for your specific immigration status, such as I-20, DS-2019, I-797, etc.

**Please provide a copy of the newly issued form I-94 and any other newly issued documents (visa, passport, etc.) to the International Services Office immediately upon your return**