**To invite guests to visit you in the United States:**

Per guidance from U.S. Department of State officials, ISS does not provide invitation letters for students’ family members to visit them in the US. These letters are not required by the U.S. Consular Offices for family members to obtain visitor visas. Family members who would like to visit you in the U.S. for a short period of time should follow the procedures outlined by the U.S. embassy or consulate in their home country. You may also provide your relatives with additional information to assist them in their visa interview.

Documents that may be helpful for you to provide to your visitor to present during their visa appointment:

* An invitation letter written by you, the student - sample template below
* Copy of your I-20/DS-2019, passport, visa, and I-94, plus unofficial transcript printed from WyoWeb
* An Enrollment Verification letter, which you can request from the UW Office of the Registrar
* Proof of your funding in the US

Additional documents your guest(s) should take with them to their visa appointment:

* Proof of relationship to you (such as a birth certificate for parents)
* Proof of funds to support themselves while in the US – their personal funds or copies of your available funding
* Proof of ties to their home country – land ownership, substantial investment in their home country, personal/family obligations, proof of employment
* Itinerary for their visit to the US

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**SAMPLE INVITATION LETTER FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Directions: Replace information in [brackets] with your specific information.

[**Date**]

Dear Consular Officer,

My name is [**name on I-20 or DS-2019**] and I am a student in [**F-1/J-1**] visa status at the University of Wyoming pursuing a [**bachelor’s, master’s, doctorate**] degree in [**major**].

I would like to invite my [**father, mother friend, etc.**], [**name of guest**], to visit me in Laramie, Wyoming. The purpose of the visit is to [**state purpose**] for the period of [**date**] to [**date**]. My guest will stay at [**U.S. address**] during their visit.

**Visitor Information**

Name: [**as shown on passport**]:

Date of Birth:

Current Address in Home Country:

Should you have any questions regarding my academic status at the University of Wyoming, please feel free to contact me by phone at [**phone number**] or by email [**use @uwyo email**]. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[**Signature**]

[**Print First and Last Name**]