



## **EMBASSY OF JAMAICA**

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<https://embwashington.mfajt.gov.jm/>

### **LETTER OF NO OBJECTION APPLICATIONS**

The Letter of No Objection is a statement confirming 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 U.S. if he or she chooses to do so.

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY MAILED APPLICATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE FOLLOWING STATES WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE EMBASSY OF JAMAICA:**

Maryland (MD)  
Virginia (VA)  
California (CA)  
Washington (WA)

Applicants residing in other states should refer to the following link to determine where their applications should be mailed based on their state of residence:  
[https://embwashington.mfajt.gov.jm/pdf/service\\_areas.pdf](https://embwashington.mfajt.gov.jm/pdf/service_areas.pdf)

**Applications mailed to the Embassy of Jamaica originating from states not listed above will be returned.**

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### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- Letter requesting letter of No Objection (**original signature is required.**)
- Copy of most recent DS 2019 form
- Copy of bio-data page of Jamaican passport
- Copy of U.S. J-1 visa
- 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
- Money order in the amount of US\$65.00 made payable to “Embassy of Jamaica”

**KINDLY SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ONLY.**

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### THE PROCESS:

Upon receipt of the application, the documents are reviewed, and compliant applications are forwarded to the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service for processing. Please note that if the application is non-compliant, the applicant is advised in writing of the necessary actions to be taken.

The processing time generally takes **4 to 6 months after the documents are sent to the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.**

When the application is approved, the Ministry's Scholarships 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 U.S. Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). The applicant will be given a case number, which is to be referenced in the request to the Embassy.**

### PLEASE NOTE:

- J1 Visa Waiver/No Objection clients who require updates on their status will be directed to their respective Consulates, in keeping with the instructions issued by the U.S. Department of State (as stated on the barcode page of the DS-2019 form).
- Delays in the processing of an application may occur due to extended non-response times from other participating entities, over which the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service has no control.
- The submission of a Letter of No Objection from the Embassy to the U.S. Department of State **does not** guarantee approval of a waiver application.

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