

## Your Immigration Documents

### Form I-94

The I-94 card issued to you upon arrival shows that you have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. and is usually stapled onto the U.S. visa page of your passport. It contains an eleven-digit identification number, called your **ADMISSION** number, used by the DHS to keep track of your arrival and departure from the U.S.. The I-94 card is usually collected each time you depart from the U.S. and a new one is issued upon reentry, except in cases of trips of thirty days or less to Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean. I-94 cards issued to F-1 holders usually do not indicate an expiration date. Rather, student I-94 cards simply indicate that the bearer may remain in the U.S. for the Duration of Status(D/S). This means that a student is authorized to remain in the U.S. while pursuing the program of study described on his or her current SEVIS I-20 form. If you have an I-94 card with a specific expiration date, you must either leave the U.S. before the expiration date or apply to the DHS for an extension of stay before the card expires. Procedures for extending your stay vary according to visa type. Consult the Office of International Affairs for specific instructions.

It contains:

- Your admission number
- Port of entry into the United States
- Date of your arrival
- Visa category
- Period of admittance in the United States