

The O-1 visa is for international visitors who are considered extraordinary in their field. Juilliard community members may receive O-1 visa sponsorship from a specific employer, an agent, or an entertainment group. Juilliard does not currently sponsor O-1 visas. Because O-1 petitions require substantial documentation, these filing tips have been prepared for Juilliard community members who may wish in the future to apply for an O-1 visa.

The following *general* recommendations may assist with the document preparation involved in your O-1 petition. Please note that different documentation may be requested from various employers, agents, and/or entertainment groups.

Cost for filing:

- \$460 I-129 petition (<http://www.uscis.gov/i-129>)
- \$370 I-539 change of status/extension of stay application for dependents (<http://www.uscis.gov/i-539>)
- \$1,225 *Optional* premium processing fee (<http://www.uscis.gov/i-907>)
- **Plus** [labor consultation fees](#) from the advisory opinion from a labor union (\$100-500 depending on the field and organization)
- **Plus** any fees from the law firm, agent, or entertainment group (agents or entertainment groups may require a percentage of your earnings instead of a flat fee)
- **Plus**, additional fees may apply if spouse/children require dependent visas

Documents to Prepare:

- CV with a bibliography of all performances and/or recordings
- Copies of all previous immigration documents (including visa stamps, I-20s, DS-2019s, I-797s, or EAD cards)
- If you are currently in the U.S., print your I-94 card (<http://www.cbp.gov/I94>)
- Any dependent who is in the U.S. currently and is applying for a change of status or extension must complete Form I-539 (<http://www.uscis.gov/i-539>)
- Written consultation (advisory opinion) from a labor union, peer group or management organization regarding the nature of the work to be done and the applicant's qualifications—click here for a list of possible unions:
http://www.artistsfromabroad.org/files/5014/8424/4218/Labor_Consultation_Contracts.pdf
- Proof of Extraordinary Ability or Achievement

**J visa holders who are subject to the two-year home residency requirement (also called the 212(e)) are not eligible to change status to O-1 within the U.S. J visa holders may leave the U.S., go for an O-1 visa interview and re-enter the U.S. to begin their new status.*

Proof of Extraordinary Ability or Achievement

Please note that the collection of these documents may take a long time so you should plan ahead and continually collect items throughout your time at Juilliard.

To qualify as an individual of extraordinary ability there must be evidence of the applicant's having received a major internationally recognized award (such as an Oscar, Tony, or Grammy) or at least three of the following:

- Receipt of nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in your field
- National or international recognition for achievements as shown by critical reviews in a major newspaper, journal, magazine, etc.
- Evidence of performance as a lead, starring or critical role for organizations and establishments that have a distinguished reputation
 - Juilliard performance playbills can be requested at recitals@juilliard.edu (please allow up to 10 business days for these requests)
- Evidence of having received significant recognition for achievements from organizations, critics, government agencies, or other recognized experts in your field
 - Juilliard faculty and staff can refer to the [Faculty/Staff handbook](http://www.juilliard.edu/campus-life/international-advisement-office/faculty-staff-handbook) for helpful guidelines (<http://www.juilliard.edu/campus-life/international-advisement-office/faculty-staff-handbook>)
- Evidence of commanding a high salary or other substantial remuneration for services in relation to others in your field
 - If the salary or remuneration is not in U.S. dollars, provide a printed conversion

Please note that if any of your supporting materials are not in English, you should have them translated appropriately.