



Other costs:

- courier service (Federal Express is the most reliable to INS service centers; however, some service centers do not accept courier deliveries — see “Where to File Your Petition”)
- copying costs (you will need five to seven copies of each petition)

Visa fees (if applicable):

These are the fees that U.S. embassies and consulates charge for the actual visa you apply for once you have your I-797 from the INS. These fees are based on reciprocal agreements with other countries. There are two types of visa fee: “application” and “issuance.”

If applicable, the “application” fee is US\$45 per person.

If applicable, the “issuance” fee varies from country to country and is in addition to the “application” fee.

For a complete table listing the visa reciprocity fees, visit the U.S. State Department Web site.

Note: For **Canadians** visa “application” and “issuance” fees are not applicable. However, if a Canadian performing arts company (dance, theatre, circus) has personnel who are non-Canadian nationals, those individuals may be subject to visa fees.

For example: For a **Canadian** ensemble of all-Canadian nationals (regardless of the number of beneficiaries), filing a P-1 petition, with a P-1S support personnel petition, using the Premium Processing Service and requiring one union consultation for each petition, the total cost will be approximately US\$2,400. If the Canadian ensemble includes, say, five non-Canadian nationals, add US\$225 in visa “application” fees, plus any applicable “issuance” fees.

The booking process is a good time to discuss with the presenter(s) who will pay the INS petition fees, courier and copying costs, the visa application fee (if applicable) and the visa issuance fee (if applicable).

Union Consultation

The O and P classifications require an advisory opinion from an appropriate labour union. Prepare the INS package as described below in “Petition Materials”; however, before sending it to the INS, courier a copy of the petition to the appropriate union(s) with a cover letter explaining your request.

The cover letter should indicate the following:

- the date;
- union name and address;
- classification being sought (and whether Premium Processing Service is being used);
- beneficiaries (e.g., seven musicians of the group XYZ, with names listed in alphabetical order: last name in capital letters, then first name);
- petitioner name and address;
- dates of intended employment.