### What does my TDS Status mean?

#### J-1 Status

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<th>Status</th>
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<tr>
<td>Draft*</td>
<td>Dept Admin and Scholar must enter information and upload required documents DS-2019 has not been created yet</td>
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<td>Initial</td>
<td>DS-2019 has been created&lt;br&gt;Scholar has not registered with IFSS</td>
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<td>Active</td>
<td>Scholar in U.S. and has registered with IFSS&lt;br&gt;Scholar and Dept Admin can make requests such as extensions, adding dependents, etc. (see Request Tab in TDS for all request types)</td>
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<td>Inactive</td>
<td>Scholar’s program has ended</td>
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<tr>
<td>Invalid</td>
<td>Scholar never came to U.S.&lt;br&gt;Program cancelled after DS-2019 created</td>
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#### H-1B Phases

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<td>Request for Sponsorship</td>
<td>Pending</td>
<td>IFSS must approve card before you can save information</td>
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<td>Approved</td>
<td>Dept Admin &amp; Scholar can enter information &amp; upload documents</td>
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<td>Initiated or In Process</td>
<td>IFSS working on prevailing and actual wage</td>
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<td>Determination</td>
<td>Step 1 of 3 DONE&lt;br&gt;IFSS determined prevailing and actual wage&lt;br&gt;Dept Admin emailed wage information</td>
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<td>LCA</td>
<td>Labor Condition Application (LCA) filed with Department of Labor (DOL)</td>
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<td>Certified</td>
<td>Step 2 of 3 DONE&lt;br&gt;LCA certified by DOL</td>
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There is currently no status that indicates Step 3 is done; IFSS will email the Dept Admin and Scholar when H-1B petition is mailed to U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)

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<td>Initial Review</td>
<td>H-1B petition received at USCIS&lt;br&gt;I797C receipt notice issued</td>
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<td>Request For Evidence (RFE)</td>
<td>USCIS needs more information to make a decision; IFSS will reach out with further instructions as soon as we are able</td>
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<td>Decision</td>
<td>USCIS issued an approval&lt;br&gt;I-797A or B approval notice issued. IFSS will notify Dept Admin and Scholar when notice is ready for pick-up</td>
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* If J request is cancelled while the card is still in draft status, it will remain in the Pending tab as draft (until TDS develops a way to move the cards to the Inactive Tab).