

PROVIDING CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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U.S. Federal Law requires international applicants who wish to obtain a Form I-20 and to apply for an F-1 Student Visa to provide proof that they can financially support themselves during the duration of their studies.

YOU OR YOUR SPONSOR NEEDS TO DO TWO THINGS TO SHOW THAT YOU CAN FUND YOUR STUDIES:

Ī TYPE A LETTER DESCRIBING THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Describe the following in the letter (you may use the PBU "Affidavit of Support"):

- ! **NATURE OF SUPPORT** (e.g. amount in US dollars for, for example, tuition, room and board, health insurance, etc.; or, for example, the provision of free room of board from sponsors living in the U.S.)
- ! **TIME PERIOD OF SUPPORT** (e.g. twelve months, duration of studies, etc.)

Ī PROVIDE PROOF OF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Give proof of the pledged financial support by providing one or more of the following:

- ! **PROOF OF EMPLOYMENT INCOME** (e.g. a letter from employer stating salary, recent pay stubs, etc.)
- ! **PROOF OF ABILITY TO PROVIDE FREE ROOM** (e.g. an ownership deed or a rental contract in sponsor's name, etc.)
- ! **PROOF OF OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES** (e.g. a recent bank statement, recent pension checks, etc.)

Notes:

- < Private sponsors should state in their letter that they will have sufficient funds after paying their own personal expenses to be able to afford sponsoring the student in the stated amount.
- < Organizational / institutional sponsors should write on business letterhead the nature and time period of support for your studies. Proof of the organization's ability to provide this support may be required if not initially included.
- < Copies, scans as e-mail attachments, and clear faxes are satisfactory. Unclear copies, scans and faxes will not be accepted.

Additional documentation may be required if the information you or your sponsor provides is not satisfactory.