

Declaration & Certification of Finances (DCF) for Spring 2025 – Fall 2025

Estimated minimum funding requirements for issuance of I-20 can be found below.

PART 1 (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT):

Name of Student: _____ Student ID# (if known): _____
 (Last name, First name, as it appears on your passport).

Date of Birth: _____

Are you currently in the USA? Yes No If yes, what is your current visa status: _____

Check each box that applies to you. You can check more than one box:

- I have my own funds to support my studies. The amount of funding is USD \$ _____, and I will be able to provide this amount each year. (Attach a copy of your financial documentation. See attached information for acceptable documents)
- I will be supported by a sponsor(s). (Your sponsor(s) must complete Part 2 of this form and submit a copy of their financial documentation.)
- I have a scholarship. (government, athletic, academic, etc.). (Include a copy of your scholarship letter.)
- I am planning to bring dependent(s). (Complete Part 3)

I certify that the information provided on this form is correct and complete. Likewise, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to notify the International Center of any changes in this information and/or in my financial circumstances.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART 2 (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR OF THE STUDENT):

I certify that I am the financial sponsor, providing financial support in the amount of USD \$ _____ per year to cover the costs associated with the student's education. (Attach a copy of your financial documentation. See attached information for acceptable documents)

Relationship to the student: _____ (example: parent, friend, employer, etc.)

Sponsor's Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Minimum Funding Requirements for Issuance of I-20

| Education Level | Tuition & Fees | Living Expenses | Health Insurance | Personal Expenses & Books | Total |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Undergraduate | \$20,961 | \$12,282 | \$1,328 | \$2,484 | \$37,055 |
| Graduate without assistantship or with 9-month assistantship | \$16,020 | \$12,711 | \$1,328 | \$2,484 | \$32,543 |
| Graduate with 12-month assistantship | \$17,887 | \$16,767 | \$1,328 | \$3,309 | \$39,291 |
| English Language Institute | \$10,750 | \$12,711 | \$1,328 | \$2,484 | \$27,273 |
| Law | \$25,213 | \$12,711 | \$1,328 | \$2,484 | \$41,736 |

PART 3 (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT – Only if bringing dependents):

If you will be bringing your spouse and/or child(ren), complete the chart below. Otherwise, please leave this section blank.
This information will be used to issue the dependent I-20(s) for your spouse and/or child(ren):

| Family (Last) Name, First Name(s) | Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) | Country of Birth | Country of Citizenship | Gender | Relationship (Spouse or Child) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
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If bringing your spouse, provide his/her email address: _____

Declaration & Certification of Finances (DCF) Form Guidelines

Requesting I-20 for your dependent(s)

- You must submit copies of passports for all of your dependents.
- If bringing your spouse, submit a copy of your marriage certificate (with a certified English translation).
- If bringing your child(ren), submit a copy or copies of their birth certificate(s) (with a certified English translation).
- If you bring dependents, you will need to add \$3,855 per dependent (\$5,140 per dependent for students relying on a 12-month GA contract) to the total cost listed below.

In order to receive an I-20, please submit the following information along with the DCF Form:

- Financial documentation showing funds available for at least one academic year’s worth of expenses. Financial documents must be dated within one year of your program start date.
- Copy of the biographical (photo) page of your passport

Supporting financial document(s)

- The bank statement or letter from a bank must be in English and on bank letterhead or official bank paper.
- If the balance is not listed in US dollars (USD), it should clearly indicate the currency used.
- Any scanned copies must be of good quality and legible.
- Unacceptable supporting financial document(s) include, but not limited to,
 - Proof of income
 - House or property deed
 - Loan application
 - Credit card statement or line of credit

Students with scholarships

- Please remember to submit proof of your scholarship(s) to The University of Akron International Center, when requesting your initial I-20. For most students, this is going to be a copy of your admission letter.

Signatures in the DCF Form

- Signatures must be signed in wet ink. We cannot accept a typed name of initials (must be a full signature). We will accept signatures written in languages other than English.

Financial sponsor(s)

- If there are multiple financial sponsors, each sponsor must complete Part 2 of the DCF Form. You may need to send us more than one completed DCF.
- Company/Business Sponsor
 - If the bank document is from a company, the company must provide a letter on official letterhead, signed by the CEO or other signing authority, indicating that company will sponsor you. You must also submit the DCF Form where the same individual must sign and print the company name in Part 2 of the DCF Form.
- If you are a U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident planning to sponsor an international student who is going to apply for an F-1 visa, you should send the original I-134 and supporting financial document(s) to the student to submit to the U.S. Embassy during their visa application process. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.uscis.gov>.