

The purpose of the *Certification of Finances* is to help colleges and universities obtain complete and accurate information about the funds available to international applicants who want to study in the United States. Strict government regulations, rising education costs, and economic conditions have made verifying the financial resources of international applicants essential. Institutions do not have the option of deciding whether to verify the financial resources of their international applicants; financial verification must be made prior to institutional issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019).

This form is designed to standardize financial information provided by applicants to colleges, universities, and U.S. consuls. By completing this form and returning it to the college or university requiring it, an applicant, if admitted, may obtain that college's authorization and issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019). If parents and/or sponsors are unable to obtain a bank official's verification, it is recommended that institutions forward a copy of the International Student Financial Aid Application to the family for completion. The institution should attach a copy of this certification to the Certificate of Eligibility. U.S. consuls scrutinize the statements of financial resources given by nonimmigrant visa applicants. This certification will help such officials make their decisions and expedite visa issuance.

To be submitted to the Bennington College Financial Aid Office at finaid@bennington.edu

The space below is for optional use by issuing institutions for listing student's expected annual budget.

This form should be submitted after the student has received a financial aid award and knows the amount they must certify in order to enroll and receive I-20 documents. Students must show resources in question #8 to cover the balance after all financial aid (from your financial aid award) is subtracted from the cost of attendance (\$70,170). See page 2 of your financial aid award for the minimum amount.

2018-2019 COST: Standard direct costs charged by the college include tuition and fees (\$53,860) and room and board (\$15,610). Indirect costs are the student/family responsibility and are not eligible for institutional grant or scholarship funding. These costs may include books, supplies, personal expenses, transportation to/from campus, health insurance, SEVIS/documentation fees, scholarship income taxes paid annually, expenses related to field work term and/or summer if staying in the US, weather-appropriate clothing, bedding, lamp for bedroom, personal cell phone, or computer. See page 3 for more information.

1. Your Name

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss

Family (surname)

Given (first)

Middle

4. Date of Birth

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Month Day Year

2. Permanent Address

5. Place of Birth (country)

6. Country of Citizenship

3. Mailing Address (if different from above)

7. Expected Visa Type

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> F-1 | <input type="checkbox"/> G-2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> G-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J-1 | <input type="checkbox"/> G-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> H |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G-1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

8. Enter the expected amount of annual support from the sources listed below. Enter amounts in U.S. dollars. Please PRINT all entries. Use an additional sheet of paper for explanations, if necessary.

Student's Sources of Funds

8a. Personal or Family Savings

[Grid for Name of Bank]

Name of Bank

Signature of Bank Official

Title

Name of Bank

Address of Bank

Assured Support	Projected Support			
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00

Date

Official Certification of Sources of Funds and Amounts

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

8b. Parents (Money available from sources other than savings.)

[Grid for Parent's Name]

Parent's Name

Relationship

\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00
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[Grid for Parent's Name]

Parent's Name

Relationship

\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00
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Please describe the source:

Signature of Parent

Date

Address

Official Certification of Sources of Funds and Amounts

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

8c. Sponsors (Money available from sources other than parents.)

[Grid for Sponsor's Name]

Sponsor's Name

\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00
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[Grid for Sponsor's Name]

Sponsor's Name

\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00
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Please describe the source:

Signature of Sponsor

Date

Address

Relationship of Sponsor to Student

Official Certification of Sources of Funds and Amounts

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8d. Your Government

[Grid for Name of Agency]

Name of Agency

Enclose a signed copy of your letter of award with this form.

\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00
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The TOTAL of 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d must equal the amount requested on page 2 of your financial aid award.

\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00	\$ [Grid] .00
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9. What is the present exchange rate of your country's currency to the U.S. dollar?
(for example, 3,100 pesos = \$1)
- _____ = \$1
10. Does your government currently impose restrictions on exchange and release of funds for study in the U.S.?
 Yes No
If YES, describe restrictions.

11. Do you have a source for emergency funds once you arrive in the U.S.?
 Yes No
If YES, name source.

- Amount available in U.S. dollars \$ _____ .00
12. How will you pay for your transportation to the U.S.?

13. What is the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this institution? \$ _____ .00
14. Do you plan to remain in the U.S. during the summer?
 Yes No
15. If remaining in the U.S., do you plan to attend summer school?
 Yes No
16. What are the sources and amounts of support available to you during the summer?
- | Sources | Amount |
|---------|-------------------|
| _____ | U.S. \$ _____ .00 |
| _____ | U.S. \$ _____ .00 |
| _____ | U.S. \$ _____ .00 |
| _____ | U.S. \$ _____ .00 |

2018-2019 Cost of Attendance

Tuition	53,860
Room	8,460
Meal Plan/Board	7,150
Activities Fee	300
Health Center	400
Total Charged by College	\$70,170

Other costs to consider in your budget

- Books and Supplies
- Personal Expenses
- Weather-Appropriate Clothing for Vermont
- Transportation to/from Campus
- Health Insurance (Federally Required)
- SEVIS/VISA Documentation Fees
- Scholarship Income Taxes
- Expenses Related to Field Work Term
- Summer meals/housing (if staying in the US)
- Bedding and Lamp for Bedroom
- Personal Cell Phone and Computer

Search "International Students" on www.bennington.edu for more information.

17. A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (Form I-20 or DS-2019) will not be authorized until this form is completed and returned to the institution to which you are applying. The institution will attach a copy of this form to your CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY. Both the form and certificate must be shown to the U.S. consul to obtain a visa.

Signature of Student _____

I certify that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for refusing or revoking admission.

Date

Day Month Year

This is to certify that I have reviewed the declaration and attached documents, if appropriate, and approve issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

SIGNATURE OF COLLEGE OFFICIAL _____ TITLE _____

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE _____