International Student Certification of Finances Guidelines

Please read prior to completing this form.

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 educational costs, and economic conditions have made verification of financial resources of international applicants essential. Institutions do not have the option of deciding whether or not to verify the financial resources of their international applicants; financial verification must be made prior to institutional issuance of Certificates of Eligibility (Form I-20 or IAP-66).

The form is designed to standardize financial information provided by applicants to colleges, universities, and United States consuls. By completing and returning the form to the college/university requiring it, an applicant, if admitted, may obtain that college's authorization and issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or IAP-66). If parents and/or sponsors are unable to obtain a bank official's verification, it is recommended that institutions forward a copy of the Foreign Student Financial Aid Application to the family for completion. The institution should attach a copy of the *Certification* to the Certificate of Eligibility. United States consuls scrutinize the statements of financial resources given by nonimmigrant visa applicants. The *Certification* will help such officials make their decisions and expedite visa issuance.

Return this form directly to the college that provided or requested it. Do not send it to the College Scholarship Service® or International Education at the College Board.

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

Return to Bennington College https://myfinancialaid.bennington.edu/

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE COF

These instructions will guide students and their families in completing the Certificate of Finances (COF). They are not intended to give instructions on every section of the COF, but only on those sections that may need more explanation.

1. Please print your full name as it appears in your passport.
Please tell us the different sources of funding you are using to finance your education.

2. If you have some personal funds(Section 8a), please tell us the name of the bank and the amount you will have the first year and how much you project to have in the remaining years. Make sure to also attach any bank statements that confirm the availability of funds.

3. If your parents are providing you with financial support(Section 8b), please indicate the amount they will provide in the first year and the remaining years. They will also need to provide any documentation (bank statements, letter from employer confirming salary, etc.) that confirms the availability of funds. If possible, a bank official should sign the COF.

4. If you are receiving financial support from other sources (relatives, friends, organizations, etc.), please indicate the amount of support they will provide the first year as well as the remaining years. Please have them sign the form. (Section 8c)

5. Don't forget to sign the form acknowledging that the information you have provided is accurate and complete, and that you understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for denying or revoking admission.

Please Review the COF figures on the attached letter for ease of completion. We have color coded the correct amounts for ease. Your first year of attendance is in yellow and years 2-4 is in green.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES

Return directly to the college providing or requesting this statement.

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1. YOUR NAME — Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Miss _____ FAMILY (Surname) GIVEN (First) MIDDLE

2. PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

3. MAILING ADDRESS (If different from above) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

5. PLACE OF BIRTH (country)

6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

7. EXPECTED VISA TYPE

- ☐ Academic or language training (F)
- ☐ Non-academic vocational (M)
- ☐ Exchange visitor (J)
- ☐ Immigrant (PR)
- ☐ Diplomatic or official (A or G)
- ☐ Other (Specify.) _____

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

STUDENT'S SOURCES OF FUNDS	ASSURED SUPPORT	PROJECTED SUPPORT		
	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
8a. PERSONAL OR FAMILY SAVINGS _____ NAME OF BANK **A bank official's signature is required on the certification if the student is partially or totally supported by personal savings.**				
8b. PARENTS **Money available from sources other than savings.** _____ FATHER'S NAME _____ MOTHER'S NAME **Please describe the source:** Student Earnings				
8c. SPONSORS **Money available from sources other than parents.** _____ SPONSOR'S NAME _____ SPONSOR'S NAME **Please describe the source:** _____				
8d. YOUR GOVERNMENT _____ NAME OF AGENCY **Enclose with this form a signed copy of your letter of award.**				
TOTAL ▶	$	$	$	$

9. 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.

SIGNATURE OF BANK OFFICIAL _____

TITLE _____

NAME OF BANK _____

ADDRESS OF BANK _____

DATE _____

Parent's signature is required (see certification statement above).

SIGNATURE OF PARENT _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

Sponsor's signature is required (see certification statement above).

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

RELATIONSHIP OF SPONSOR TO STUDENT _____

DATE _____

10. What is the present exchange rate of your country's currency to the US dollar (for example, 3100 pesos = $1)? . . . . . _____ = $1

11. Does your government currently impose restrictions on exchange and release of funds for study in the U.S.? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If YES, describe restrictions. _____

12. Do you have a source for emergency funds once you arrive in the U.S.? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
If YES, name source. _____ Amount available in US dollars $_____

13. How will you pay for your transportation to the U.S.? _____

14. What is the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this institution? . . . . . US $ _____

15. Do you plan to remain in the U.S. during the summer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. If remaining in the U.S., do you plan to attend summer school? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. What are the sources and amounts of support available to you during the summer? AMOUNT

SOURCES: _____ US $ _____
_____ US $ _____
_____ US $ _____
_____ US $ _____

18. A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (Form I-20 or IAP-66) 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.

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.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT _____ DATE _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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

SIGNATURE OF COLLEGE OFFICIAL _____ TITLE _____

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

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