



Financial Support Requirements 2009-2010

(for F-1 students)

U.S. immigration law requires the University to verify that any student seeking an F-1 Visa has sufficient funds to finance their studies for the duration of their program. Financial documentation and the Promissory Note(s) of Financial Support must be completed before an I-20 can be issued to an admitted student. Review the instructions before completing and signing this form. Failure to read the instructions and complete the form correctly will result in delays in the processing of your application and issuance of your visa document.

Instructions:

STEP 1:

Review the following cost and length of the study estimates to determine how much financial support you will need to complete your program.

The figures shown below are the estimated minimum cost of attendance for 9 months (one academic year) and are subject to increase without notice. Annual increases in tuition and fees are anticipated; therefore, it is suggested that an additional 10% be added to these totals to safeguard against increases.

Cost Estimates for the 2009-2010 Academic Year

Cost Description	Undergraduate (24 credits)	Graduate (18 credits)
Tuition and Fees	\$13,368	\$15,698
Books and Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,500
Housing and Meals	\$8,120	\$9,680
Other personal expenses	\$4,100	\$4,100
Insurance	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$28,588	\$32,478

Program Length of Study Estimates

Level		Years
Undergraduate	Freshman (First Time in College)	4
	Transfer Undergraduate Student	2
Graduate	Masters Program	2
	Doctoral Program	5

Additional Support Needed for Dependents:

If you have a spouse or children that will accompany you to the United States, you must include an additional \$5,000 per year for your spouse and each child. Please note that this estimate for dependents is the minimum amount you must show. If purchasing insurance in the U.S. for dependents, actual costs for your dependents will likely increase.

STEP 2:

Complete the Promissory Note of Financial Support form (last page), indicating the number of years of support that will be provided. If you have more than one person sponsoring your education, make additional copies of this form. A Promissory Note of Financial Support will be required from each person agreeing to sponsor your education.

STEP 3:

In addition to the Promissory Note(s) of Financial Support you must provide official documentation of liquid assets to cover your first year of study.

NOTE: Liquid assets include money in a banking account, stocks, bonds, or other investments with cash value. *Retirement accounts cannot be used as a source of financial support unless the sponsor can provide evidence that he/she is, in fact, retired and able to access those funds without penalty for early withdrawal. Real estate or other non-liquid asset such as automobiles, jewelry, or other personal property cannot be used as a source of financial support under any circumstances).*

Example Sources of Funding and Documentation

All amounts must be in United States currency or show applicable conversion rate.

Source of Funding	Required Documentation
Personal/Family Savings	Certified bank letter / bank statement
Parent(s)/Sponsor(s)	Certified bank letter / bank statement
Government Agency (Home Country)	Letter of Award (copy)
Graduate Assistantship/Fellowship	Letter of Award (copy)

STEP 4:

Submit your financial documents and Promissory Note(s) of Financial Support as early as possible to ensure timely processing of your application. You can submit documents with your application, or separately if necessary. All proof of financial support must be submitted in English. All proof must be stated in U.S. dollars and clearly state the date that the documentation was written or printed.

Please mail original signed documents to the following address:

International Services
4202 East Fowler Ave. CPR 107
Tampa, FL 33620 UNITED STATES

NOTE: Originals are required, with the exception of copies of award letters, as indicated in Step 3. In addition to mailing your original documentation, you may also FAX your documentation to our office. Our FAX number is: (813) 974-0491. Keep in mind that you are still required to mail your original signed documentation.

Additional Information

- Tuition and fees are subject to change without notification.
- Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. You can visit Student Health Services website for more information: <http://shsweb.shs.usf.edu/ins/Insurance.html#International>
- Applicants seeking graduate assistantships must contact the desired program directly to apply. Visit: <http://www.grad.usf.edu/programs/programs.asp>
- If the amount of an awarded graduate assistantship (stipend plus tuition waiver) does not fully cover the total estimated expenses above, the applicant must provide evidence of financial support for the amount not covered by the assistantship.



Promissory Note of Financial Support

International Services, International Affairs

4202 East Fowler Ave. CPR 107, Tampa, FL 33620, UNITED STATES

Phone: (813) 974-5102 FAX: (813) 974-0491

Email: internationalaffairs@iac.usf.edu

Student's Full Name (as it appears on the Passport)

Date of Birth

Sponsor's Full Name

Relationship of Sponsor to Student

Sponsor's Street Address (Number and Street)

City

State/Province

Country

Postal Code

Phone:

E-Mail:

Promissory Note of Financial Support

I hereby promise that I will provide financial support for _____ to
(Print Student's Full Name)

pursue a program of study at the University of South Florida. I promise to provide funds for the number of years indicated below. Additionally, I will attach official financial documentation of liquid assets to fund the first year of funding for the amount indicated below. I understand that failure to provide the financial support indicated below can result in loss of immigration benefits of the above named student.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Check each year that you promise to provide support towards the student's academic program:					
Note: Refer to page 1 to determine the number of years required for the student's program.					

First Year of Study Support [in liquid assets]	Amount \$ USD
Enter the amount of promised liquid assets to cover the first year of study: Note: The entire cost of attendance for the first year of study is required to be shown in liquid assets. You must attach official financial documentation, establishing available liquid assets for the amount shown. If you have more than one sponsor, the total amount promised by each sponsor must add up to the entire cost of attendance for the first year. Refer to page 1 for cost estimates for the first year of study.	

Sponsor's Signature:	Date:
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Seal of Notarizing Official:
