

# **Statement of Financial Support & Documentation Guidelines**

For non-U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents applying to study in F-1 student status

To obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) for the F-1 student visa, international applicants must demonstrate the ability to pay all tuition, fees, and living expenses for at least the first year of study, as outlined on current Cost of Attendance estimates. Applicants should also be able to demonstrate their ability to cover future expenses beyond the first year, through the completion of their studies.

## I. Certificate of Finances & Financial Documentation Guidelines

- 1. Annual Cost of Attendance. See the current Cost of Attendance Estimate for your chosen program of study. This is the minimum total available dollar amount to be evidenced on the Sources of Funds Chart below.
- 2. Certificate of Finances. Complete the chart below, identifying the source and amount of total available funding for at least your first year of study, in U.S. dollars. The Total Annual Available Funding must equal or exceed the annual Cost of Attendance estimate for your chosen program. When possible, students should also demonstrate ability to cover expenses beyond the first year as "projected support."
- 3. **Documentation.** Submit supporting financial documentation, along with this form, demonstrating the financial figures outlined on the chart below. Documentation balances must equal or exceed the Cost of Attendance estimate for your chosen program and must be:
  - <u>Original</u> financial statement(s) or bank letter(s) (no photocopies);
  - Signed/verified by a bank official or bank seal;
  - Dated within the last 6 months;
  - Reported in English and in U.S. dollars;
  - Liquid assets (ex. cash in a savings or checking account). Retirement accounts, annual salary statements, tax documents and land holdings are not acceptable.

## **Important Notes**

In computing estimated expenses, please bear in mind that students holding F-1 non-immigrant status have limited employment opportunities. The applicant should not look to on-campus employment, either part-time during the academic year or full-time during official break periods, as a significant means of support while at St. John Fisher University.

When possible, original bank documents will be returned to the student, however, it is still recommended that students request two original bank documents, one to submit with this application and one for visa interview and travel purposes.

Annual Cost of Attendance Estimate figures represent the minimum estimated expenses for the current academic year. Student's financial resources must equal or exceed the minimum estimated expenses for the academic program they will pursue at St. John Fisher College in order to be eligible for a Form I-20. These figures are only a guide to be used for calculating estimated financial expenses for one academic year. Tuition and fees are subject to change and regular annual increase.

Please return all required completed documents by mail to:

St. John Fisher University Office of Admissions 3690 East Avenue Rochester, NY 14618

CERTIFICATE OF FINANCES Student Name:			Amount (U.S. Dollars)			
			Assured	Projected Support (Recommended)		
			Support			
Funding Source		<b>Required Documentation</b>	First Year	Second	Third	Fourth
Iu	ang source		(Required)	Year	Year	Year
	Personal	<ul> <li>Student's signature (Section II).</li> <li>Official bank statement or letter verifying funding amount, student's name and date.</li> </ul>	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Family or Sponsor	<ul> <li>Signature and indication of relationship to student (Section II).</li> <li>Official bank statement or letter verifying funding amount, account holder's name and date.</li> </ul>	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Scholarship	• Official scholarship letter from institution awarding scholarship with funding amount and student's name.	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Loan	<ul> <li>Official letter from financial institution indicating approval of loan, applicant's name and the amount approved.</li> <li>If applicant is not the student, signature and relationship to student required (Section II).</li> </ul>	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Other	<ul> <li>Source of funding:</li> <li>Official documentation verifying funding, identifying applicant, etc.</li> </ul>	\$	\$	\$	\$
		Total Annual Available Funding	\$	\$	\$	\$

#### II. Financial Support Verifications Family/Sponsor/Other Verification of Support

I, the undersigned, agree to provide the funds to the applicant, indicated on the attached Certificate of Finances, for the purpose of full-time study at St. John Fisher University. I am submitting official financial statements indicating availability of these funds.

Family/Sponsor/Other Name	Family/Sponsor/Other Signature	Date	Relationship to Student Applicant
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#### III. Student Verification Student Verification

The information provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading statement(s) may result in denial of admission and/or course registration at St. John Fisher University.

Student Signature:

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