

# International Students\* Financial Information and I-20 Verification

**\*Definition of an International Student -- Those students who are citizens of any country other than the United States\***

**All International applicants must meet Eckerd College's financial documentation requirements to receive a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20), and to apply for your F-1 visa (if applicable). Full review of your application will not commence until after this paperwork is received.**

U.S. immigration regulations require that ALL International Students demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to cover living and educational expenses for study on a full-time basis. The estimated amounts below include funding needed to cover living expenses and mandatory health insurance for 9 months, but not the cost of travel to the United States or optional study period tuition. These amounts are reviewed annually and are subject to change. For up-to-date estimated expenses, visit our web site at <http://www.eckerd.edu/admissions/finaid/cost.php>.

To receive an I-20, you must document sufficient funds are available to cover all estimated expenses for one academic year (9 months), along with a funding plan for the remainder of your intended study. This is the same standard that U.S. visa officers will use to determine your financial ability during your visa interview.

## How to Document Your Funding

**Please read both sides of this form. Complete the Statement of Financial Responsibility & I-20 Verification, and attach documentation of funds, as follows:**

1. Bank statements or letters (from financial institutions where the sponsor holds an account) must show the actual amount of currency available. To qualify for I-20 issuance, this amount must be equal to or greater than the **total cost based on 9 months** listed below. If you qualify for scholarship, we will consider this in determining your eligibility. Please keep in mind the **maximum** scholarship and aid award is set at \$18,000 per year.
2. Your sponsor(s) must complete the **"Statement of Financial Responsibility & I-20 Verification Form"**.
3. Documents must be dated within one year of the start of your first term at Eckerd College.
4. Documents must be in English; translations must be verified by an appropriate bank or government official.

*The Eckerd College Office of Admission reserves the right to request additional documentation of funding.*

### Funding from sponsor other than applicant (Family, Friends and/or Organization Funds):

All financial sponsors must complete the Statement of Financial Responsibility & I-20 Verification information on the reverse (page 2) of this form or provide an equivalent formal statement of sponsorship. Total sponsor support must cover the entire duration of your studies at Eckerd College.

**Sponsor (Family or Friend):** Each sponsor must provide evidence of sufficient funds for at least the first year of the applicant's study plus verification of income as evidence of sufficient funding to cover the remaining year(s) of promised support.

**Sponsor (Organization):** A promise of sponsorship can be stated on the sponsoring organization's letterhead. The statement should include the duration of sponsorship including the guaranteed dollar amount for a specified period of years or for the duration of study, or the specific type of support provided.

### Funding from applicant's personal finances (Self):

As the applicant, you must complete the Financial Support Agreement on the reverse (page 2) of this form. If providing bank statements that are in your own name only, you must show:

- funds on deposit to cover "Total Cost" for the first year of study

AND

- a reasonable plan for how you will fund the duration of your studies beyond the first year. For example, you may submit a letter from an employer or other sponsor that promises funding for your remaining study. Sponsor support agreements must meet the guidelines described in the box to the left.

## Estimated Annual Expenses\*

Tuition and fees for 2 semesters.....	\$34,546
Books and supplies for 2 semesters.....	\$1,200
Health insurance .....	\$575
Living expenses for 9 months* .....	\$12,742
<b>Total Cost per Calendar Year.....</b>	<b>\$49,063</b>

**\*If you will not travel home for the summer, be sure to plan accordingly.**

### Explanation of living expenses

The estimate for living expenses for 9 months is determined as follows:

Housing .....	\$4,858
Food .....	\$4,794
Personal Expenses .....	\$1,440
Transportation.....	\$1,650
<b>Estimated Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,742</b>

**Please return completed form to:**  
 Eckerd College Office of Admission  
 4200 54th Avenue South  
 Saint Petersburg, FL 33711 U.S.A.  
 Fax - 727.866.2304

# International Students Statement of Financial Responsibility & I-20 Verification

## Applicant's Personal Information *(Student Information as it appears in passport)*

Last or Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First or Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (country): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female

Native Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: *(Please note: This address cannot be a P.O. Box. You must provide an accurate and valid residential address.)*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (country code-area code-local number): \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check all that apply regarding your visa status:

Initial I-20: I **do not** currently have an I-20 (New admission) or F-1 Visa  Change of Status

Transfer: I **have** a valid F-1 Visa and an I-20 from another institution.  Reinstatement

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** If you anticipate sponsoring your own studies, you must complete the box(es) below and submit the required documentation. If you will receive financial support from a sponsor, your sponsor must complete one of the box(es) below. If multiple sponsors will be offering support, copy both sides of this form for each sponsor, each sponsor must complete one of the box(es) below. **A commitment to full or partial support does not exclude you from consideration for scholarship awards.**

### Applicant's Declaration

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's printed name), hereby promise that the information provided is correct.  
I understand that I am ultimately responsible for my expenses for the length of my stay in the United States.

**FULL FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** I will provide full financial support for **Total Costs** (educational & living expenses) for the entire length of the applicant's study at Eckerd College. **Attached are original bank statement(s)** in my name of adequate funding for the duration of studies.

**PARTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** I will provide partial financial support in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please provide the duration of this support by checking the appropriate box below)*

All study years  1 year  2 years  3 years  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I have **attached bank statements** for at least the first year of the applicant's study plus verification of income as evidence that I have sufficient funds to cover the remaining year(s) of promised support.

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last or Family Name/Surname First or Given

Sponsor's Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*REMEMBER TO SUBMIT ORIGINAL BANK STATEMENTS WITH THIS PAPER WORK\*\*** Month Day Year