

Financial Information and I-20 Verification for International Students 2009–2010

If you will need a student visa to attend Eckerd College, you must meet Eckerd’s financial documentation requirements to receive a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 for the F-1) and apply for your visa.

U.S. immigration regulations require that you demonstrate that you have sufficient funds to cover your living and educational expenses for study on a full-time basis. The estimated amounts below include funding needed to cover your living expenses and mandatory health insurance for 9 months, but not the cost of travel to Saint Petersburg 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 \$13,000 per year for 2009-2010.
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 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 for Undergraduates

Undergraduate tuition and fees for 2 semesters.....	\$32,104
Books and supplies for 2 semesters.....	\$1000
Health insurance	\$575
Living expenses for 9 months*.....	\$11,658
Total Cost per Calendar Year.....	\$45,337

*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	\$4624
Food	\$4434
Personal Expenses	\$2000
Transportation	\$600
Estimated Total	\$11,658

Please return completed form to:

Eckerd College Office of Admission
4200 54th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33711
Fax-727.866.2304

Statement of Financial Responsibility & I-20 Verification for 2009–2010

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

Last or Family Name : _____ First or Given Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth (country): _____ Sex: Male Female

Native Language: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

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

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone (country code-area code-local number): _____

Please check all that apply regarding your visa status:

- Initial I-20: You **do not** currently have an I-20 (New admission) or F-1 Visa
- Transfer: You **have** a valid F-1 Visa and an I-20 from another institution.
- Change of Status
- Reinstatement
- Other: _____

Directions: If you anticipate sponsoring your own studies, you must complete the box(es) below and submit the required documentation. If sponsors other than yourself will be offering financial support, your sponsor(s) must complete one of the box(es) below. If multiple sponsors will be offering support, copy both sides of this form for each sponsor. **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 for the items marked below. (Check all that apply.)

Tuition and fees: See page 1 for full amount of tuition and fees or \$ _____

All other costs (includes all items below). To indicate specific sponsorship, please choose from the items listed below:

- Housing (\$4624/9 months) Personal Expenses (\$2,000/9 months) Health Insurance (\$575/9 months)
- Food (\$4434/9 months) Transportation (\$600/9 months) Books & Supplies (\$1000/9 months)

Duration of support for items indicated above:

- 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: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year