

The Application for the Certificate of Eligibility (SEVIS Form I-20)



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Please follow the steps below in order to ensure an accurate and speedy process.

1. **Apply and be accepted to the City College of New York.** You will receive notice of your acceptance via email. Print a copy of your acceptance letter for your records.
2. **Secure sponsors or funding.** In order to receive your I-20 you must provide evidence that you can cover all expenses related to the first full year of tuition, fees and living expenses. If you are unable to cover the costs on your own, you must identify a sponsor. A sponsor is someone who is willing to pay for your expenses, either in part or in whole. You could have more than one and your parents are considered sponsors. You may also be receiving a scholarship or a grant from your home country. This can be used as funding for your expenses.
3. **Read and complete the Application for the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20).**
4. **Complete the Affidavit of Support. (Page 3 of application)** Each sponsor will need to fill out and sign a separate affidavit of support before issuing your I-20.
5. **Provide Evidence of Support (Financial Documents):** As a reminder, the available funds must be enough to cover at least the first full academic year. All documents must be originals. Copies will not be accepted.
 - **Bank Letter:** You will need to provide an original letter from your bank or your sponsors bank stating the account balance.
 - **Bank Statements:** You or your sponsor must provide current bank statements (savings and/or checking accounts) for the past three months.
 - **Supporting Statement for Government Awards or Loans:** Students sponsored by or receiving loans from their government must submit an official statement with their name and award. It should include an itemized list of dollar amounts going to tuition and living expenses.
6. **Submit Application and Supporting Documents:** Once the Application for the Certificate of Eligibility is complete, send it along with the financial documents to the following address:

For Undergraduate Students

Office of International Students and Scholar Services
North Academic Center, Room 1/107
160 Convent Ave
New York, NY 10031 Attn: Maribel Morua

For Graduate Students

Admissions Office
160 Convent Avenue
New York, New York 10031
Wille Administration Building, Room A-101
Attn: Alan Sabal

SPONSOR SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

A sponsor must show sufficient income and/or financial resources to assure that the student being sponsored will not become a public charge (receive Federal or State low income benefits or services) while in the United States. Applicable evidence of the sponsor's situation, as determined by the accepting school official, should consist of copies of any or all of the following documentation listed below. Failure to provide evidence of sufficient income and/or financial resources may result in the denial from the CUNY campus of the student's application for Form I-20 (Immigration Certificate of Eligibility). Additionally, such failure to provide similar documentation to the Consul Officer may result in denial of an F-1 Visa application.

The sponsor must submit evidence of income and resources, as appropriate:

- A. Written statement from an officer of the bank or other financial institution or brokerage where the sponsor has accounts, giving the following details regarding the account:
 1. Date account opened
 2. Total amount deposited for the past year
 3. Present balance
- B. Statement of your employer on business stationery showing:
 1. Date and nature of employment
 2. Salary paid
 3. Whether the position is temporary or permanent
- C. If self-employed:
 1. Copy of last income tax return filed or,
 2. Report of commercial rating concern
 3. Schedule of assets with supporting documents



Application for the Immigration
Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20)
Fall 2015-Spring 2016

International students who are admitted into a degree program at CUNY will need to obtain an Immigration Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20), in order to enter and/or remain in the U.S. as an F-1 student. This requirement applies whether you are a new student, a transfer student from another U.S. university, or a student transferring between CUNY colleges.

1. Name: _____ 2. Sex (check one): Male Female
(Family name as in passport) (Given name as in passport) (Second given, or middle name, if any, as in passport)

3. Present Mailing Address: _____
(Number and Street) (City, State) (Country) (Postal Code)

4. Telephone Number: _____ 5. Fax Number: _____ 6. Email: _____

7. Date of Birth: _____ 8. Place of Birth: _____
(Month/Day/Year) (City and Country)

9. Country (or Countries) of Citizenship: _____ 10. Country of Residence: _____

11. Permanent Overseas Address: _____
(Required by U.S. Government Regulations) (Number and Street) (City, State) (Country) (Postal Code)

12. Address in U.S.A. (if known): _____
(Number and Street) (City, State) (Postal Code)

13. Expected Year of First Enrollment: [_____]—Year 14. Degree Program: [_____]—Bachelor's [_____]—Master's [_____]—Ph.D. *Check One:* 15. Expected Academic Major: _____

16. Expected Semester of First Enrollment: *Check One:* [_____]—Fall [_____]—Winter [_____]—Spring [_____]—Summer

17. Are you currently studying at a US institution or college? *Check One:* [_____]—Yes [_____]—No 18. Do you currently hold F-1 status? *Check One:* [_____]—Yes [_____]—No

QUESTIONS 19 THROUGH 28 TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS ALREADY IN THE U.S.

If you are currently in the U.S., please indicate your immigration status. Attach a *copy of the passport pages with the passport number, expiration date of passport, and the *U.S. visa stamp. Include copies of both sides of *Form I-94 for yourself and accompanying family members.

19. I have F-1 Student Status right now. *Check One:* [_____]—Yes [_____]—No 20. What is your I-94 Admission Number? #: _____

21. *University that issued most recent Form I-20: _____ 22. SEVIS ID#: _____
* Attach photocopies of ALL your previously issued Forms I-20

23. Current U.S. School Name: _____

24. Current U.S. School Address: _____
(Number and Street) (City, State) (Postal Code)

25. If you entered US without F-1 status, then what is your immigration status? _____

26. What is the I-94 Admission #: _____ 27. When does that I-94 Expires: _____
(Month/Day/Year)

28. If your status is not currently F-1, check one answer below:
[_____]—I will apply to USCIS for a Change of Non-Immigrant status [_____]—I will leave U.S. and re-enter with I-20 before classes begin

Declaration & Certification of Finances

Please indicate the source and amount of your financial support for the first four years of study for bachelor's degree candidates and two years for associate's degree candidates. The CUNY College that has admitted you requires documentation of guaranteed support for the first year and projected support for future years. Note that costs may rise 7-10% annually. Total amounts must meet or exceed the estimate of expenses (see "Sponsor Supporting Evidence" page).

U.S. immigration authorities require colleges to receive satisfactory financial certifications from prospective students before issuing a Form I-20. Therefore, you must attach original documents for each source of financial support you indicate. Please refer to the "Sponsor Supporting Evidence" page for a list of acceptable supporting documents. Be sure to have an additional set of original documents for your appointment at the U.S. Consulate (or Embassy) overseas.

Complete and send in this page with your application. Provide as much detail as possible.

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

	(Amount in U.S. Dollars)			
<i>Guaranteed</i> Support 1 st Year	<i>Projected</i> Support 2 nd Year	<i>Projected</i> Support 3 rd Year	<i>Projected</i> Support 4 th year	
A. STUDENT				
Name _____				
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Name of Bank _____		Location _____		
		(City)	(Country)	

The student must provide the following documents in English:

- 1) Bank officer's summary statement of account history.
- 2) Stock brokerage account statements, if any.

B. PARENTS, AND/OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

Name _____				
Relationship to student _____				
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Name _____				
Relationship to student _____				
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Name _____				
Relationship to student _____				
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	

C. GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY, OR OTHER SPONSOR

Source _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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(Attach current signed official copy of the terms of sponsorship, including amount of support in U.S. Dollars and period covered.)

Grand Totals	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	(Each total must equal the estimate of expenses for one year.)			

THE COLLEGE CANNOT ISSUE A FORM I-20 UNTIL YOU MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION.

By signing my name to this form, I certify that the information above is a correct statement of my arrangements for financing my studies at the City College of New York of The City University of New York.

(Student's signature) _____ (Date) _____

(Please print name) _____

Affidavit of Support

This form is for individuals using their own income and/or savings to support a student. It must be completed by the person who will provide the student with full or partial financial support and/or room and board during the student's course of study at The City University of New York.

Sponsors providing financial support must complete items 1-18 AND sign at item #21;

Sponsors providing room and/or board must complete items 1 through 3 AND item 20 AND sign at #21.

Sponsors providing both financial support AND room and board, complete this entire page, items #1 through #21.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

1. I, _____, 2. citizen of _____
(Name of sponsor) (Country or Countries)

and residing at 3. _____
(Sponsor's Street Address, City, State, Postal Code and Country)

Do certify the following:

4. I am employed with _____ 5. Located at: _____
(Name of employer) (Number and Street) (City/State) (Country) (Postal Code) (Telephone)

6. I receive an annual income of \$ _____ (U.S. Dollars) from this *employment.

*Attach a current salary confirmation statement written by that employer, or verification of annual income for self-employed or retired individuals. The employer statement or verification of annual income must be written in English or come with a certified translation.

7. I have \$ _____ (U.S. Dollars) on deposit with 8. Name of Bank: _____

9. Address of Bank: _____
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Postal Code)

*Attach bank officer's statement of account history.

10. I currently support _____ persons (including myself). 11. Our total household annual income is \$ _____ (U.S. Dollars).

12. Our total family expenses are \$ _____ (U.S. Dollars). 13. I sponsor _____ (number) individuals for immigration in addition to this affidavit.

STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION

This affidavit is executed on behalf of

14. _____ who was born on 15. _____. S/he is my 16. _____.
(Name of Student) (Month/Day/Year) (Relationship to Student)

I hereby certify that I am willing, able, and do commit to provide 17. _____ with the annual amount of
(Name of Student)

18. \$ _____ (U.S. Dollars) for her/his tuition, fees, and/or living expenses each year during the entire program of study at The City University of New York until 19. _____ (give a date when the sponsorship is expected to terminate).

ROOM AND BOARD SUPPORT INFORMATION (See living expenses for room and board)

To be completed if student will live in the sponsor's home in the U.S.

20. I hereby certify that I will provide _____ with:

Check one: (Name of Student)

-*Room only in my home at the address indicated above

Or,

-*Full room and board in my home as indicated above during each year that s/he follows a program of study at CUNY. Note that this value cannot be included in any amount of support being provided in #18, above.

*Attach a copy of your lease or deed or copy of a statement from your landlord.

By signing my name to this affidavit, I certify that the information above is a correct statement of my agreement to sponsor the student herein named.

Check One if you also intend to support student's spouse or children:

—Yes —No I also agree to sponsor dependent(s) for an additional \$6,336 for each dependent. Names and biographical information for each dependent is attached.

21. **Signature:** This affidavit must be signed to indicate intention to support student named above.

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please print name: _____ Date: _____

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

TOTAL FIRST YEAR EXPENSES

Four-Year undergraduate Students	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$40,636.00
Graduate students in Architecture (15 credits)	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$53,198.00
Graduate students in Architecture (16 credits)	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$54,938.00
Graduate students in Architecture (18 credits)	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$58,418.00
Graduate students in Engineering	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$42,634.00
Graduate students in Liberal Arts/Education	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$41,014.00
Graduate Student in Professional Studies	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$44,704.00
Graduate students in Public Administration	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$60,218.00
Ph.D. Level 1	Tuition/fees and living Expenses = \$39,224.00

Tuition and Fees

Bachelor's (undergraduate) Students

Undergraduate tuition/fee per academic year, two semesters: Four-Year Colleges **\$13,850***

*Undergraduate Tuition and Fees stated are based on the students taking at least 12 credits per semester. This is the minimum number of credits required to be a full-time undergraduate student (necessary to maintain lawful immigration status). If you take more than 12 credits, you will be charged at the rate of **\$560** per credit (four year colleges).

Masters (graduate) Students: total cost includes fees

Liberal Arts/Education (\$780 per credit)	\$14,228 = 9-Credits Fall & 9-Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Engineering (\$870 per credit)	\$15,848 = 9-Credits Fall & 9-Credits Spring for 1-Year Tuition/fees
Architecture [<i>Landscape</i>] (\$870 per credit)	\$26,412 = 15-Credits Fall & 15-Credits Spring for mandatory 30 credit year
Architecture [<i>Urban Design</i>] (\$870 per credit)	\$28,152 = 16 Credits Fall & 16-Credits Spring
Architecture (\$870 per credit)	\$31,632 = 18 Credits Fall & 18-Credits Spring
Public Administration (\$920 per credit)	\$33,432 = 18 Credits Fall & 18 Credits Spring
Professional Studies [<i>BIC</i>] (\$985 per credit)	\$17,918 = 9 Credits Fall & 9 Credits Spring
Ph.D. Level 1 (\$875 per credit)	\$12,438 = 7 Credits Fall & 7 Credits Spring

Student Living Expenses

Books and Supplies	\$1,591
Transportation	\$1,360
Personal Expenses	\$5,611
Housing	\$13,848
Meals (at home)	\$ 2,846
Lunch (away from home)	\$ 1,530

Total Living Expenses for one year = \$26,786

*For sponsorship purposes the following applies:

- 1) Value of ROOM-ONLY is \$13,848.00 (show lease & \$12,579 plus tuition/fees)
- 2) Value of room AND board is \$19,332 (show lease & \$12,532 plus tuition/fees)

Accompanying the Student

In addition to the amount the student must certify for his/her own financial support, additional funds for each dependent must be shown. Add **\$8,187.00 for each adult (spouse)** and **\$5,841 for each child**, which will accompany the student to the U.S. This amount is for one year of expenses. Student's financial certification must show the total amount of student's tuition/fees, living expenses AND the living expenses for the dependents.

Necessary items to obtain an I-20 for an accompanying dependent

Financial certification/documentation, Biographical information for each dependent, photocopy of passport biographical page
 Translated marriage certificate for spouse, translated birth certificate for each child.