

SECTION 4: EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL ABILITY

F-1 students must have the financial resources to live and study in the US, and provide [evidence of their financial ability](#) to confirm these funds are available to cover estimated cost of attendance (COA) for an academic year. Estimated COA includes tuition and fees, housing, [mandatory health insurance](#), meals, books and supplies, transportation, and other living expenses as applicable to the student).

Financial Documentation Criteria:

[Evidence of financial ability](#) must confirm the total and source of funds, and meet the following criteria:

1. Documentation **cannot** be dated **more than 6 months prior** to the I-20 program start date.
2. Documentation **must** include the account holder's, agency, or other organization's full name.
3. Documentation **must** be in English or have an English translation submitted with it.
4. Documentation amounts **must** be in USD; if not, you must submit a USD conversion (e.g., [currency converter](#)).

Documentation submitted that does meet this criterion cannot be accepted and will delay the I-20 issuance process.

Examples of evidence include:

- Family bank statements
- Documentation from a sponsor or agency
- Financial aid award letters
- Scholarship letters
- Letter from an employer showing annual salary
- Investment statements (must be liquid assets)
- Please view the chart for current estimated COA, this is NOT your actual bill and actual costs may differ.
- Your actual costs can be more or less; however, you must confirm you at least have the minimum amounts listed.
- Estimates **do not** include the summer term, if you intend to enroll in the summer, you must budget for additional costs.

**Estimates can change and are not guaranteed; students must be prepared for any additional expenses.*

| Education Level | Tuition & Fees <i>*Out-of-State</i> | Room & Board | Books | Transportation & Other Expenses | Health Insurance <i>*Required Coverage</i> | Total |
|-----------------|--|--------------|---------|------------------------------------|---|----------|
| Undergraduate | \$21,005 | \$12,940 | \$1,148 | \$3,873 | \$1,200 | \$40,166 |
| Graduate | \$19,998 | \$12,940 | \$1,148 | \$3,893 | \$1,200 | \$39,179 |

Identify Your Source of Funds:

Please check the box(es) and enter the total amount of funds applicable for an academic year. Make sure to submit the required financial evidence identified. All amounts listed will auto-calculate in the "Total Source of Funds" field.

NOTE: Additional verification may be required if documentation submitted is unclear or missing required information.

Florida Poly Financial Aid (e.g., scholarships, grants, graduate/research assistantships, fellowships)

- **Enter Total of Funds:** _____
- **Evidence Required:** Submit a copy of your award letter or a screenshot of your financial aid screen from your student account *(if the letter requires your signature to accept aid, you must submit a signed copy).*

Government or Sponsoring Agency

- **Enter Total of Funds:** _____
- **Evidence Required:** Submit a copy of the award letter or letter of support from the government/sponsoring agency.

Educational Grant, Loan, or Other Source of Funding (from sources other than Florida Poly not listed)

- **Enter Total of Funds:** _____
- **Evidence Required:** Submit a copy of an grant statement, loan approval, or statement of other funding.

Student Personal Funds

- **Enter Total of Funds:** _____
- **Evidence Required:** Submit a copy of an official banking statement or certified bank letter confirming total funds, or an investment statement, or other financial documentation that confirms personal funds.

Financial Support from Family/Friends

- **Enter Total of Funds:** _____
- **Have Family/Friend/Sponsor complete and submit the:** [Sponsor Certification of Financial Support](#) form.
- **Evidence Required:** Evidence of the funds they have to your cover estimated costs of attendance.

Free Room and Board

- **Evidence Required:** If you will be sponsored by family, friends, or other party while studying in the US and not required to pay room and board (housing and meals), they must complete, sign and submit the [Sponsor Affidavit: Free Room & Board](#) and provide the required evidence listed on the form.

Are you bringing legal dependents with you to the US? If yes, list how many: _____

This field for ISS Office Purposes – Students please DO NOT enter data in this field it will auto-calculate.

TOTAL of All Source of Funds: _____

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

1. I understand if I do not meet all admission requirements it can result in a delayed start date or ineligibility to enroll.
2. I understand I am responsible for securing my visa interview and providing a color copy to ISS once it has been issued.
3. I understand I must provide a color copy of my passport and the expiration date must be at least 6 months in the future.
4. I am submitting financial evidence to verify I have the funds available to cover the estimated COA.
5. I understand I must meet all pre-arrival requirements **before** arriving in the US.
6. I understand that total tuition and fees must be paid to the university by the fee payment deadline (see university [Academic Calendar](#) for dates), if I am receiving financial support I must obtain the funds for payment, and if I am receiving financial aid, I must fulfill the requirements so it may be disbursed.
7. I understand I must provide confirmation of my arrival date and travel confirmation to ISS before arriving in the US.
8. I understand I must be physically present in the US and prepared to start classes by the start date listed on my I-20.
9. I understand if I am unable to obtain my visa or meet other requirements that will prevent me from starting classes on time, that I must contact the [Office of Admissions](#) to request a deferral to my start date (*late arrivals are unauthorized*).
10. I understand I am required to purchase health insurance and provide evidence of coverage, **prior** to arriving in the US.
11. I understand that estimated costs of attendance (COA) are not my actual bill, that these costs may vary and dependent upon my personal needs and choices, and that the Summer Term is not included in the estimated costs. I understand I must budget for any additional costs.
12. I understand that I cannot arrive in the US more than 30 days prior to my the program start date on my I-20.13.I understand if my current status classifies me as a resident for tuition purposes at Florida Poly, that I will no longer be eligible under F-1 visa, and must apply for [Residency Reclassification](#) with the Registrar's Office.

*My signature certifies my understanding, the validity of all information I have provided, and my intent to meet all requirements **prior** to arriving in the US. I understand if I fail to comply, this can prevent enrollment, result in a delayed start date, or the ineligibility to study in the US. I will contact [ISS](#) if I need assistance or have complications obtaining what is required **prior** to I-20 start date.*

Print Your Full Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____

STUDENT'S PARENT MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF STUDENT IS A MINOR (under 18 years of age)

Print Parent Full Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____