



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Qualifying Proof of Funds

Any prospective international student seeking to obtain a “Form I-20 – Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status” must submit the following: **(1) LACCD application, (2) evidence of English proficiency, (3) qualifying proof of funds, (4) financial affidavit and (5) copy of passport.** Review the information below to identify the minimum proof of funds and criteria used to evaluate financial documents.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS	
Bank Letter	<p>Qualifying bank letters will meet the criteria stated below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must reflect a minimum balance of \$28,500 (USD) for the previous 60 days • must be in English (converted to U.S. dollars preferred) • must reference account type (i.e. checking and savings accounts only) • must include name of account owner. If the account does not belong to the student, the letter must include the nature of relationship between account holder and applicant • Business/corporate, investment, real estate, or retirement account funds are ineligible to meet minimum proof of funds <p>A sample letter is provided (next page) for your reference.</p>
Bank Statements	<p>Qualifying bank statement(s) will meet the criteria stated below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be dated within 30 days of application date • must reflect a minimum balance of \$28,500 (USD) for the previous 60 days. • must be in English (converted to U.S. dollars preferred) • must include name of account owner • must reference account type (i.e. checking and savings accounts only) • Business/corporate, investment, real estate, or retirement account funds are ineligible to meet minimum proof of funds <p>Persons that provide financial documents in support of the students are considered sponsors. <u>Sponsors</u> must provide additional documentation in support of the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sponsors within the United States</u> must submit a signed copy of USCIS Form I-134 (Affidavit of Support) verifying level of support and a copy of government issued photo identification. • <u>Sponsors outside the United States</u> must submit a copy of government issued photo identification.
Financial Guarantee / Government Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Guarantee/Scholarship document must be in English • Must be dated within previous 60-day period • Must reflect duration of guarantee • Must reflect guaranteed amount of funding • If applicable, must reflect terms of guarantee <p>Qualifying financial guarantees will meet the criteria stated above and meet minimum proof of funds. If insufficient, student must provide additional source of funding.</p>

Note: Each dependent increases the minimum amount by \$4,000 (USD).

The United States Government requires all F1 Students to present certified proof of financial support. Students may NOT accept employment off-campus without previous authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). On-campus employment can be accepted, but positions are extremely limited and it cannot be funded through the federal work study program. Unauthorized employment is sufficient reason to deny students the benefits of their visa status and may initiate deportation proceedings.

SAMPLE BANK LETTER

(MUST BE ON OFFICIAL BANK LETTERHEAD)

(DATE)

West Los Angeles College
9000 Overland Ave.
Culver City, CA 90230

RE: **(NAME OF STUDENT)**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I certify that **(NAME OF SPONSOR)** has the minimum equivalent of \$ _____ **USD** on deposit with our institution.

(NAME OF SPONSOR) has had accounts with our bank since **(DATE)** and has maintained their accounts in good standing.

This average personal checking/savings account balance for the previous 60-day period is equal or greater than
\$ _____ **USD**. The balance **DOES NOT** include funds derived from business/corporate, investment, real estate, or retirement accounts.

(NAME OF SPONSOR) will provide tuition and living expenses for **(NAME OF STUDENT)** in the amount of \$ _____ **USD**

while **(NAME OF STUDENT)** is attending West Los Angeles College.

Sincerely,

**OFFICIAL BANK SIGNATURE
NAME AND TITLE**

OFFICIAL SEAL OF BANK