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Why does Shippensburg University require me to complete this form?
In accordance with the United States government, Shippensburg University requires all International applicants to provide proof of their ability to pay tuition and living expenses before Shippensburg University may issue a formal letter of admission. Once the applicant has been accepted, Shippensburg University will issue the Form I-20 which will be required to apply for an F-1 student visa.

How do I obtain my Form I-20?
Shippensburg University can issue the Form I-20 that is required to apply for a visa and to enter the United States as a First Year Student or to transfer a non-immigrant status visa to Shippensburg University from another institution. To be eligible for the Form I-20 you must:
1. Be admitted to the University
2. Submit the Statement of Financial Support which demonstrates your ability to cover the duration of your academic program. You must include a bank statement and income verification from your sponsor.
3. If you are currently attending college in the United States, you must submit a copy of your current Form I-20 and complete the SEVIS Transfer Form for International Students.

What is an acceptable form of Financial Support?

Acceptable Forms of Documentation
- Bank Statements
- Bank Loans for Educational Purposes
- Scholarship Letters
- Government Funding Sources
- Tax Statements (Tax Form W-2)
- Statement of Annual Earnings on Company Letterhead

Unacceptable Forms of Documentation
- Chartered Account Statements
- Payroll Reports
- Expected Income Statements
- Credit Cards
- Property Assessments
- Bank Statements Lacking USD Currency Amounts
- Other Statements of Non-liquid Assets

What do I do if I have one or more dependents?
Applicants who have one or more dependents must show financial support for each additional individual. This amount is in addition to the required “Estimate of Yearly Expenses.” Please see the “Estimate of Additional Yearly Expenses” illustrated to the left. Note: These amounts are estimates and are subject to change based on the primary F-1 student’s tuition, fees, and cost of living. These estimates include the cost of health/accident insurance for each family member, the basic cost of housing, food, clothing, etc.

*Please be aware that you will not be able to pay for your educational expenses by working while you are in the United States. The United States Government regulations strictly limit employment authorization. Students in the U.S. of F-1 visas must be enrolled full-time every semester. (Undergraduate = 12-18 credits, Graduate = 9 or more credits)
# Statement of Financial Support

**For International Undergraduate & Graduate Students**

## I. Applicant Information

| Applicant’s Last (Family) Name (As it appears on Passport): | First (Given) Name |
| Complete Address: | |
| Telephone Number: | Email: |
| Signature of Applicant: | Date (Month/Day/Year): |

## II. A Source of Support: (to be given annually through the duration of the applicant’s program of study)

* A bank statement (issued within the last 90 days) must be provided; all bank statements must have official bank seal or stamp with wet signature and date.
* An earnings statement must be provided (annual, monthly or weekly earnings) from employer with sponsor's name and address on it.

| Name of Sponsor: | Relationship to Applicant: |
| Complete Address: | |
| Telephone Number: | Email: |

Name of My Current Employer: 

Annual Salary (in U.S. Dollars): $

| Yearly Amount of Support (in U.S. Dollars): | My Bank Statements are attached: Yes | No |
| | My Earnings Statement is attached: Yes | No |

| Type of Account: | Date Account opened (Month/day/Year): |
| Savings Account | |
| Cert. of Deposit | |
| Other | |

Signature of Sponsor: 

Date (Month/Day/Year): 

By signing this Statement of Financial Support, I promise to be financially responsible for tuition, fees, living expenses, and any other relevant expenses of the applicant whose name appears above.

*If you do not have a sponsor and are funding your education with your own resources, please have your bank provide verification of your personal account.

*If you have more than one sponsor, you must submit a Statement of Financial Support and all other required financial documents for each sponsor.

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:** Shippensburg University, Office of Admissions, Shippensburg, PA 17257