



Certification of Financial Support

Federal regulations require the University of South Carolina to verify that admitted international students show proof of adequate funding that has “high liquidity,” or is easily available for immediate use. This proof of financial support is required for ISSS to issue your form I-20 or DS-2019. **Be prepared to provide the same documentation upon request by the officer at the US Embassy during your visa appointment and/or upon entry to the USA.**

Acceptable forms of certification (must be in English):

- Checking or savings account
- Certificates of deposit (CDs) with a maturity date prior to the start of the student’s term of admission.
- A scholarship through the University, the student’s home government, or a non-governmental agency.
- Offer letter from a graduate assistantship/fellowship.
- Educational loans
- A detailed sponsorship letter from business or employer

Unacceptable forms of certification:

- Any documents that are not written in English
- Stocks or Bonds
- Mutual funds
- Business Bank Accounts
- Statements of earned salary or yearly income
- Tax returns
- Credit card statements/lines of credit
- Statements of property ownership

Section 1: Source of Financial Support

All lines must be completed by your financial sponsor/guarantor.

Your Name:		Amount of funding to be provided to student:	
Relationship to student:		Sign here to confirm the following: I will provide the amount of money listed above to support this student’s education at the University of South Carolina.	
Name of student receiving support:			

All financial sponsors must provide a wet signature. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.

Section 2: Bank Certification

1. This section should be completed by a bank official. All lines must be completed if using Section II of this form.
2. Rather than having the bank complete Section 2, your bank can instead provide a letter confirming all the information below. All letters issued must be in English.
3. Rather than having the bank complete Section 2, you can instead provide a bank statement (based on the acceptable forms of certification listed above) that includes all of the following information. All bank statements must be in English.

Amount available immediately for withdrawal in the above-named individual’s account (specify amount and currency):		Place bank seal/stamp here.
Account type: (ex: checking, savings, etc.) For fixed deposits, include maturity date.		
This account was opened on (Month/Day/Year):		
Today’s Date (Month/Day/Year):		
Name and Title of Bank Official:		
Name of Bank:		
Address of Bank:		
Sign here to confirm the following: <i>To the best of my knowledge of banking laws in this country, these funds may be sent out of the country to support the educational bills of the above-named student in the United States.</i>		





Financial Support Statement of Responsibility:

A student signature is required when using family or personal funds to support USC enrollment.

Please select yes or no for each statement below.

I understand that:

1. The financial information provided by the Division of International Student and Scholar Support (ISSS) on Form I-20/Form DS-2019 are estimates of the average cost to live and study in Columbia, South Carolina. ___ YES ___ NO
2. The amount of money that I (or my financial sponsor) have noted as “amount of funding to be provided” will remain in an easily accessible bank account for the duration of my studies. ___ YES ___ NO
3. The documents that I (or my financial sponsor) have provided as financial support are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have not falsified any information. ___ YES ___ NO
4. If I have provided false or misleading financial information to the University, my immigration documents and immigration status in the U.S. may be cancelled immediately, and my USC admission may be rescinded. ___ YES ___ NO
5. If my financial situation changes, neither the ISSS nor the University are financially liable, and there are **no** immediate campus-based remedies available to me. ___ YES ___ NO

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

