

# International Students Only

## Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support (Confidential)

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### Who is considered an international student?

At USC, an international student is an individual of foreign nationality who will be entering, or has already entered, the United States with a student visa. Students already living in the United States and holding other non-immigrant visas (for example, an E2, H2 or L2) are also considered international students.

On the application for admission, please write your name as it appears on your passport and/or your I-20 or DS-2019. If the name on your school record is different, enter that name in the field provided. As an international student, you must provide a valid address outside the United States that is not a P.O. box, even if your current mailing address is in the United States. Please submit a copy of your current passport together with this form.

#### What documentation is required?

International students are required to submit the Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support to the address listed in the footer of this form. The United States government requires all international applicants to provide proof of the ability to pay tuition and living expenses before USC can issue a formal letter of admission and the forms required to obtain a visa.

International students do not qualify for need-based financial aid. The financial support document, stating your ability to pay for the first academic year of tuition and expenses, must be verified by a bank and dated within the last year. Applicants relying on support from their home government or other official agency must send USC a similarly appropriate financial support document from their sponsor. It is crucial for applicants to submit their financial support documents with their applications if they wish to receive notification of admission in a timely manner. <sup>(1)</sup>

Please be aware that international students will not be able to pay for the full amount of their educational expenses by working while they are in the United States. U.S. government regulations strictly limit employment authorization and require holders of student visas to be full-time students, so job opportunities are extremely limited.

#### Financial Statement Checklist

- This signed form
- Proof of sufficient funds (see list of acceptable documents)
- Copy of current passport

#### Acceptable documents:

- Bank statement
- Bank letter
- Organizational sponsor (government, corporate, etc.)
- Loans
- Investment portfolio

*Documents must be dated August 2025 or later.*

#### Documents NOT typically accepted:

- Tax returns or tax documents in general
- Mortgages
- Employment or salary statements
- Property valuations (real estate, jewelry, automobiles, etc.)
- Life insurance
- Retirement accounts

#### Estimate of Academic-Year Expenses (Nine Months)\*

Tuition	\$75,384
Fees	\$1,952
Housing	\$13,510
Food/meal plan	\$8,442
Books and supplies	\$670
Personal and miscellaneous	\$2,016
Transportation	\$1,188

**Total** **\$103,162** <sup>(2)</sup>

(Add \$450 New Student Fee to your first semester.)

\*This is an estimated budget for the academic year 2026-2027. **Costs for the 2027-2028 academic year are expected to increase. Students should check the Financial Aid website in March 2027 for updated figures.** This is considered a moderate budget. Though individual expenses will vary, applicants must show proof of financial support in the amount of \$103,162 for one year of study.

#### Notes:

**1** Financial support documentation can include proof of non-USC scholarships and/or government support. (Government sponsorship letters are acceptable.) Please do NOT include USC scholarships.

**2** Tuition costs are based on 12 to 18 undergraduate units per semester. Additional laboratory and equipment fees may be assessed, depending on the student's course of study. Summer fees are not included.

Please visit [admission.usc.edu/international-students](https://admission.usc.edu/international-students) for additional information.

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**This form MUST be accompanied by a financial support document indicating available funds.**

Applicant's last (family) name (as it appears on passport):	First (given) name:
Applicant's last (family) name on school documents (if different from above):	
Applicant citizenship (If dual citizen, select one and submit passport for that citizenship):	
Birthdate (month/day/year):	
Are you currently in the U.S.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what type of visa are you on? F-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Current F-1 visa holders in the U.S.: When will you be completing your program at your current school? Date:	
Signature of applicant:	Date (month/day/year):

### Applicant's Sponsor

Name of sponsor:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	Email:
Relationship to applicant:	
Yearly amount of support in U.S. dollars (see previous page for estimated costs): \$	

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

Signature of sponsor:	Date (month/day/year):
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### Guidelines for Submitting Documents

Upload this form and financial support document to your USC Applicant Portal at [admission.usc.edu/status](https://admission.usc.edu/status). Under "Forms to Complete," select "Financial Statement." Answer the required questions and then upload your signed copy of this form with backup documentation and a copy of your passport.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your application must be received and processed before you can access your USC Applicant Portal. You will receive an email confirmation when your applicant portal is available.

**The financial statement is required as part of your application, even if you are applying for merit scholarship consideration.**