

## Proof of Funding Requirements for Student Visas

United States Citizenship & Immigration Services require international applicants to provide proof of available funds before an I-20 form can be issued.

**Upon acceptance, you must submit an original Declaration & Certification of Finances Form, verifying the ability to pay education and living expenses for the first academic year of study. This document must be original (no copies), current (within the past 6 months) and certified by bank seal or notary. If you are currently in the United States on an F-1 visa (transferring from another U.S. college or university), you must notify your previous institution and complete a new certification of finances and obtain a new I-20 from Rhode Island College.**

Expenses will vary depending on whether you are living in college housing or in a sponsor's/ relative's home. Generally certified bank statements from any number of sources (self/relative/sponsor) can be used to verify funding for tuition, fees, on-campus room, board, and other expenses. A relative/sponsor can verify that your board and room will be provided free of charge (please complete attached Affidavit of Sponsor Providing Free Room & Board). Also, you may list on-campus employment (Students are allowed to work on-campus up to 20 hours per week. A student could expect to earn \$5,000 to \$6,000 dollars per year), scholarships or loans you have received from any source. All sources of support must have official documentation and equal at least **\$43,275**. Additional acceptable forms of documentation are indicated on the Declaration and Certification of Finances Form.

Holders of student visas are required to be full-time students (minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduate students and 9 credit hours for graduate students each semester).

Notice of Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination

Pursuant to the philosophy of the Board of Governors for Higher Education and Rhode Island College and its administration, the College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam era, or citizenship status. This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of the College's educational programs and activities, including admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic, and all other programs. It also encompasses the employment of College personnel and contracting by the College for goods and services. Rhode Island College is committed to taking affirmative action to ensure that this nondiscrimination policy is effectively observed in all the College's endeavors.

# Declaration and Certification of Finances Form

## For issuance of Certificate of Eligibility (I-20)

This form is required to create your Certificate of Eligibility (I-20). Please print clearly and complete all information. Missing information and supporting documents will delay the issuance of your document.

Please mail completed forms and all required original supporting financial documents to:

**Rhode Island College Office of Undergraduate Admissions**  
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue  
Providence, RI 02908-1991

The Declaration and Certification of Finances Form is required to obtain your I-20. The form and required supporting documentation (see requirements below) must be on file in order for us to issue an I-20. Any combination of personal or sponsor fund sources may be used to show funding, but certified supporting documents are required for each funding source.

The Declaration and Certification of Finances form and bank/sponsor letters must:

- ◆ be written in English
- ◆ contain original documents and a bank stamp or notary seal
- ◆ Be issued and certified within the past 6 months
- ◆ refer to the total costs in US dollars

(Please type or print)

Applicant's legal name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Address to which the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) should be sent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number and Location Town/City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Zip/Postal Code Country

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2023-24 Itemized Estimated Expenses

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Tuition & Fees               | \$26,499         |
| Books & Supplies             | \$ 1,200         |
| Room & Board (if applicable) | \$14,576         |
| Personal Expenses            | \$ 1,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$43,275*</b> |

\*This total is the amount that must appear on your Declaration and Certification of Finances Form. You may show funding from several sources, but certified supporting documents are required for each source. **Please note that we cannot issue an I-20 unless funds are stated in U.S. dollars.**

PLEASE LIST ALL FUNDING SOURCES ON THE NEXT PAGE

| <u>Source of Funds</u>  | <u>Supporting Documents Required</u>  | <u>Support Amount in U.S. \$</u> |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>Personal Savings Account (print bank name)</b><br><hr/>  | <b>Original letter from bank on bank letterhead indicating account type &amp; available funds (with bank stamp/seal)</b><br>OR<br><b>Original bank statement indicating account type &amp; available funds (with bank stamp/seal)</b><br>OR<br><b>Official certification of funds indicated by bank signature and stamp/seal at the bottom of this document</b> |                                  |
| <b>Parent/Sponsor (print name of each person providing support &amp; relationship to student)</b><br><hr/> NAME, RELATIONSHIP<br><hr/> NAME, RELATIONSHIP | <b>Original letter from bank on bank letterhead indicating account type &amp; available funds (with bank stamp/seal)</b><br>OR<br><b>Original bank statement indicating account type &amp; available funds (with bank stamp/seal)</b><br>OR<br><b>Official certification of funds indicated by bank signature and stamp/seal at the bottom of this document</b> |                                  |
| <b>Other funding sources (please specify):</b><br><hr/>   | <b>Original notarized letter indicating type and amount of support (scholarship, etc.). If free room and board is provided by a parent/sponsor, please complete attached room and board support form (free room and board may account for \$14,576 of student support funding).</b>   |                                  |
|   | <b>TOTAL AMOUNT (Must be at least \$43,275)</b>   |                                  |

### Official certification of sources of funds and amounts

- This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds described above are available.

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds described above are available.

Bank official's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank official's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of bank: \_\_\_\_\_ Official bank stamp/seal

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate. I take financial responsibility should my source(s) of funding, as specified above, be interrupted or stopped.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE  
AFFIDAVIT OF SPONSOR PROVIDING FREE ROOM AND BOARD**

TO BE COMPLETED ONLY BY PERSON(S) WHO OWNS OR RENTS THE PROPERTY.

I hereby affirm that I own, rent, or lease the property described below and that I will make it available without charge and without services-in-lieu-of-payment to the student named for the duration of his/her studies at Rhode Island College.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address, including room or apartment number, of the residence offered to the student:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of sponsor to student \_\_\_\_\_

How many rooms are in the house or apartment? \_\_\_\_\_

How much space will be reserved for the **exclusive** use of the student? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the sponsor live at the address listed above? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Does the sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ own or \_\_\_\_\_ rent/lease the property being offered?

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**AFFIRMATION OR OATH**

I hereby affirm or swear that the contents of the above statement are true and correct. I agree not to require any services from the student in return for the promised support and understand that it would be a serious violation of the law to require domestic work, child care, or any other kinds of service.

Signature of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsor (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_.**

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please give the original document to the student you are supporting to submit to our office with their other sources of support.**

