

AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Purpose of the Affidavit: Universities and colleges in the United States are required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to request that international students submit documentary proof of adequate financial support for their period of study in the United States. Thus, proper completion and submission of this affidavit is required for issuance of an I-20 or DS-2019.

Students: Your financial sponsor must complete this affidavit and return it along with proof of finances. If more than one sponsor is providing funds for you, *each sponsor must complete a separate affidavit*. This includes each person named as an account holder on a bank account. (If you are funding yourself, please write "self" next to "relationship to me").

DECLARATION BY FINANCIAL SPONSOR

I, _____, financial guarantor for
(print sponsor's full name)

_____, whose relationship to me is _____
(print applicant's full name) (daughter, son, friend, self, etc.)

certify that I agree to support the person named above and that he/she will not become a public charge during his/her stay in the United States. I am aware that the official estimate of annual costs for an international student attending Birmingham-Southern College is subject to change without prior notice. I am prepared to support the applicant for the amount and duration as indicated and signed for below:

Amount of contribution: U.S. Dollars \$ _____ per year
Length of time: _____

I certify that all information provided on this affidavit, and on the attached documents proving availability of funds, is true and valid. I further certify that I understand this affidavit is a binding document.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____
(month) (day) (year)

Proof of Finances: Supporting evidence of financial resources must accompany this affidavit.

- Documents must certify that the sponsor has available an amount equal to or greater than the U.S. dollar figure signed for on this affidavit (it is preferable that they indicate the amount of money available).
- Acceptable documents are those issued by a bank or other financial institution in which the sponsor has checking or savings accounts, certificates of deposit, money market certificates, or other accounts with readily available funds. Any official account statements should be on bank letterhead. Any account summaries must clearly indicate the name of the account holder(s).
- Documents must be clear and legible.
- Documents must be dated within 12 months of the intended date of enrollment.

Note: Income tax statements or returns, proof of property ownership, proof of future income, and statements of retirement accounts are not acceptable as evidence of availability of funds.