



DETROIT MERCY LAW

American JD Program Student's Statement Financial Support Form 2020-2021

Prospective international students are required to provide evidence of sufficient financial support to cover all expenses for the first year of study at Detroit Mercy Law. Letter or account statements **cannot be more than six months old** from your financial institution. In addition, we accept sufficient line of credit and loan guarantees documented by a financial institution. **All documents must be original or copies certified by the issuing institution.**

When crossing the border to obtain your I-20, you MUST present your original financial documents to the border officers.

Please attach the following documentation showing sufficient funds in **U.S. dollars** to cover your tuition, fees, and living expenses for nine months: **\$36,457** for students who will reside in Canada, **\$52,377** for those students who will reside in the U.S. **You are expected to maintain financial support at this level for the duration of your program.**

Student's Statement Section: If you are supporting yourself, you need only to complete the Student's Statement section.

Student Name: _____

Amount in USD available each year from Student Income:

Expenses for academic year 19-20 (9 months): Tuition and Fees: \$36,457 - Living Expenses (if residing in the U.S.): \$15,920

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| a. Personal savings | \$ _____ |
| b. Other sources -Scholarship, Bursar, Government, Lines of credit (must provide documents) | \$ _____ |
| c. Total | \$ _____ |

Student's Statement:

I, _____, have read and approve the above statement. In addition to the support expected from my sponsor, I have \$ _____ in personal funds/others sources to provide for my educational expenses (documentation is attached). Under the conditions described above, I expect to be able to complete my studies without help from any other sources and without seeking employment in the U.S.

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____



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American JD Program Sponsor's Statement Financial Support Form 2020-2021

Prospective international students are required to provide evidence of sufficient financial support to cover all expenses for the first year of study at Detroit Mercy Law. Letter or account statements **cannot be more than three months old** from your sponsor's financial institution. In addition, we accept sufficient line of credit and loan guarantees documented by a financial institution. **All documents must be original or copies certified by the issuing institution.**

Please attach the following documentation showing sufficient funds in **U.S. dollars** to cover your tuition, fees, and living expenses for nine months: **\$36,457** for students who will reside in Canada, **\$52,377** for those students who will reside in the U.S. **You are expected to maintain financial support at this level for the duration of your program.**

Sponsor's Statement Section:

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Sponsor's Occupation: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Student: _____

Amount in USD to sponsor student:

Expenses for academic year 20-21 (9 months): Tuition and Fees: \$36,457 - Living Expenses (if residing in the U.S.): \$15,920

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| a. Sponsor's income per year | \$ _____ |
| b. Amount available each year from sponsor's income | \$ _____ |
| c. Amount available each year from sponsor's savings | \$ _____ |
| d. Other sources - Government and/or Lines of credit (must provide documents) | \$ _____ |

Sponsor's Statement

I, _____ the sponsor, hereby certify that the above information is true and to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I will continue to provide full financial support to the extent necessary to enable _____, the student to complete his/her studies at Detroit Mercy Law. I understand that the student is seeking a Juris Doctor Degree in Law, which is expected to require three years of study.

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____



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Instructions and FAQs for completing the I-20 Application and Financial Support Forms

What is an I-20 and what is needed for completion? Your I-20 is your official immigration document that allows you to travel to the United States in F-1 status to attend classes. The I-20 application form must be completed in full and signed. An incomplete application may delay the issuing of the I-20.

- **Citizenship Information:** Please be sure to list **any and all** countries with which you hold citizenship and provide passport numbers. If you were not born in either the United States or Canada, you must include your Canadian Citizenship Number.
- **Passport Requirement:** All students in the program must have a valid passport that will not expire within the next six months. Please make sure to include a colored copy of your passport photo with your I-20 application documents.
- **Residency Information:** You must indicate whether you will live in the United States or Canada while enrolled in the program.
- **Student's Statement Financial Support Form:** All students **must** complete and sign.
- **Sponsor's Statement Financial Support Form:** If someone else will be assisting you with paying your tuition for the program, that person **must** complete and sign.
- **Financial Documents:** You must provide **original** financial documentation that shows you and/or your sponsors have the funds available to assist you with your education while in the program.

Important: When requesting your financial documents from your banking institutions, please make sure you obtain **two** original documents. One for you to mail to us and one to keep for your records and to use on crossing day.

What is a sponsor? A sponsor is a family member, friend, and/or loved one, who will be assisting you with paying your tuition for the program. Your sponsor will need to complete and sign the Sponsor's Statement Financial Support Form and provide documented proof that they will assist you financially with the Program. **The financial institution where you may be obtaining your student line of credit is NOT considered a sponsor. What documentation is considered acceptable financial documents?** U.S. Customs and Border Officials have indicated the following are deemed acceptable original financial documents:

1. If a student presents an email statement from the bank, then an original letter should be attached signed by a bank official verifying that the student or sponsor bank at the issuing institution. A short statement stating that the student or sponsor is a customer and has been with their bank for 20 years will be deemed sufficient if submitted with emailed bank statements. An original bank statement for the student is required if funds have been transferred into their account. If parents are providing funds, then an original statement must be submitted for the parents as well.
2. If the bank issues a letter with the accounts and specified balances listed, that will suffice in lieu of attached bank statements. The specific balances **must** be listed in this letter.
3. If a student is presenting documents regarding a loan, then an original letter is required indicating that the loan has been approved.
4. If a student is presenting documents regarding parent funds, such as an investment or retirement account, we need an original statement or a letter from their investment broker with accounts and balances listed.
5. If the student has paid tuition in full, we need a receipt for that payment as well as a bank statement showing that living expenses will be covered.

Where should I send as my I-20 application and documentation of financial support? You must submit your information the following ways:

1. Fax your application, supporting documents, and records of financial support to (313) 596-0280. Please address your cover letter to Stephanie Winbigler. If needed, fax services are available at your local Staples store.

Alternatively, this information can be provided through an encrypted email using either your Detroit Mercy Law (preferred) or your personal address to me at **winbigsn@udmercy.edu**

2. Mail your application and documentation via express/overnight mail to:

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Office of Admissions
ATTN: Stephanie Winbigler
651 East Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, Michigan 48226

A completed application and acceptable financial documentation showing sufficient funds must be received to process your application for I-20. The deadline for receipt all documentation is **August 4, 2020**.