

I-20 Application Help Guide

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

Information Needed on I-20 Application:

- **Citizenship Information:** Clearly list all countries of which you are a citizen and provide your passport numbers. If you were not born in the United States or Canada, it is essential to 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. Include a colored copy of your passport photo with your I-20 application documents.
- **Residency Information:** Specify whether you will reside 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 are required to provide original financial documentation that clearly demonstrates you and/or your sponsors have sufficient funds to support your education during the program. Ensure that all required documents are included with your application for a smooth processing experience.

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 **must** be attached and signed by a bank official verifying the student or sponsor bank account(s) 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.)
2. If the bank issues a letter listing the accounts and specified balances, 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 paid tuition in full, we need a receipt for that payment and a bank statement showing that living expenses will be covered.
6. 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.

All documentation must be submitted to Stephanie Winbiger on or before **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**. The completed application and acceptable financial documentation showing sufficient funds must be received to process your application for I-20.