



International Student Confidential Certification of Finances Form

Columbia College requires verification of adequate finances from applicants with or applying for F visa status. A student must demonstrate how they intend to pay tuition and fees, as well as all costs for living expenses, each academic year.

The purpose of this confidential Certification of Finances form is to help Columbia College obtain complete and accurate information about the funds available to international applicants who want to study at the College. Regulations and conditions of the visa make verifying the financial resources of international applicants essential. Institutions do not have the option of deciding whether to verify the financial resources of their international applicants; financial verification must be made prior to institutional issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019).

This form is designed to create consistency in the financial information applicants provide to the College and U.S. consuls. By completing this form and returning it to the College, an applicant, if admitted, may obtain authorization and issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019). A copy of this form should prove to be complementary to the Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility during the student’s visa interview. The U.S. Consular must scrutinize the statements of financial resources given by visa applicants. This certification may help such officials make their decisions regarding visa issuance.

If, upon arrival, you do not have the required funds indicated below, it will be necessary for Columbia College to notify the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that you do not meet the requirements for a student visa. Please apply for financial assistance through the Columbia College Office of Financial Aid, as you are eligible.

Estimated Summary of Annual Tuition and Other Expenses

Student will receive a bill and statement of financial assistance, which may vary from the estimated expenses below.

	Undergraduate Day	Undergraduate Evening	Graduate
Tuition for full-time students:	\$20,650	\$12,600	\$580 per semester hour
Resource & Technology Fee*:	\$800	\$25 per credit hour	\$25 per credit hour
On-Campus Housing (Standard Double Room):	\$4,180	\$10,800 (estimated off-campus expenses)	\$14,400 (estimated off-campus expenses)
On-Campus Meal Plan (19 meals/week):	\$4,370		
Estimated Incidental Expenses**:	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
Total	\$31,100	Varies	Varies

Add \$6,000 for the first dependent (spouse or minor children) accompanying you to the U.S. and \$5,000 for each additional.

*Students receive free e-books but can purchase or rent physical copies for an additional cost.

** Incidentals include but are not limited to health insurance premiums, phone, travel, and leisure activities, etc. The College will not bill you for this amount, but you must prove you are aware of and can pay the minimum estimate for additional expenses that may arise during your program of study. Health insurance is only mandatory for international student athletes, but highly encouraged for all students. Insurance premiums vary based on the plan and provider.

Please note that following the 2023-2024 academic year, Columbia College will begin estimating incidental expenses at a rate comparable to other institutions of higher education. This rate will increase to \$4,500 for all new and returning students beginning Fall 2024.

NOTE: All costs are estimates, and subject to change without notice. Housing and meal costs are based on off-campus housing in the Columbia, South Carolina community. Undergraduate tuition and fees are Fall and Spring semesters only.

INSTRUCTIONS: On the following pages, type the sources of funds for the above expenses for the Columbia College program to which you applied and received acceptance. After completing and printing the form, sign and send to Dr. Melissa Brannen, Diversity Officer and PDSO, along with the required bank statement(s) and other supporting financial documents.

Part 1: Personal Information

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Family Surname (Last) Given (First) Middle

Permanent Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City, State/Province ZIP Code Country

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City, State/Province ZIP Code Country

Place of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship _____ Expected Visa Type: _____

Part 2: Student's Sources of Funding

Initial Academic Year of Enrollment: _____ Intended Academic Year of Degree Completion: _____

Are you personally covering any part of your education expenses while studying at Columbia College?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list the amount of funds available in US dollars from your personal savings. Attach a certified bank letter or recent statement within the last 3 months.	\$
Will you have additional support from family or another sponsor?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list the amount of additional support in US dollars. Attach a certified bank letter or statement from the last 3 months from your sponsor.	\$
Have you received notice of financial assistance from your home government?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list the amount and type of assistance offered. Attach a copy of your award letter.	\$
Have you already or do you expect to receive a scholarship from Columbia College?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list the scholarship type (academic, athletic) and amount offered. Attach a copy of all scholarship/financial aid award letters.	\$
Do you anticipate receiving funds from any other sources?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Please include the amount and provide a brief description or attach documentation for funds.	\$
What is the TOTAL AMOUNT of funding to be applied towards your annual tuition and other expenses?			<i>This amount must be equal to or greater than the total expenses listed on page 1 for your academic program at Columbia College.</i>	\$

STUDENT SIGNATURE: I, _____, hereby certify that the information I have provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that by signing this document I certify that I have access to the full amount reported above, available to me for the first year of study, and will have adequate funds available for subsequent terms/years that I attend Columbia College. I understand it is my responsibility to cover any additional fees associated with the transfer of funds and that I must contact my P/DSSO if any changes to my funding sources occur before or during my program of study.

Student's Signature Guardian's Signature (if student is under 18 years of age) Date



Financial Documentation

F-1 students must prove they have sufficient funding to meet their educational and living expenses for their degree program. Students with F visa status must show funding to cover one year of expenses and provide evidence that this funding will continue to the end of the degree program.

Evidence of funding must be original documents, less than 3 months old, and funds must be easily and readily accessible for immediate use. Real estate, personal property, life insurance or other assets are not acceptable as proof of funding. Documentation must be in English. If it is not available in English, please secure an official translation and have the documentation certified, or you may utilize a reputable translation service such as the World Education Services (WES) available at <https://www.wes.org>.

Note that F-1 students have limited abilities to work in the U.S. and F-2 dependents may not work at all, so students must ensure that their funding will continue for the duration of their programs. For more information, visit <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/maintaining-status>.

Personal Funding (financing your own education):

- Provide a letter from your bank on the bank's letterhead or a certification of deposit indicating your name, the current balance and when the account was opened.
- Or, if a loan will be your source of funds, provide a copy of the loan approval. (Loan application documents will not be accepted).

Family/Private Funding (funds from family or other individuals):

- Provide a letter from the bank on the bank's letterhead or a certification of deposit indicating the sponsor's name, the current balance and when the account was opened.
- Also, provide an affidavit of support (see page 5).

Scholarship/Assistantship (funds from Columbia College, your government, or other agency):

- Provide a letter on company letterhead indicating the amount and duration of funding.



International Student Confidential Financial Statement (Continued)

If one of the sources listed within your funding sources originates from a parent(s) and/or another sponsor, you will need to have them complete the information requested below. The individual providing funds must sign this form and provide a Certified Bank Statement on official bank letterhead from their bank(s) dated no more than 90 days old at the time it is shared with Columbia College. The bank statement must indicate that there are funds greater than the amount listed in part 2 on page 2 of this packet and that the funding source will contribute towards the total cost of your specific Columbia College program of study.

Student's Full Name: _____

Guardian's/Sponsor's Full Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Providence: _____ Country: _____

Name & Address of Bank: _____

PARENT OR GUARNATOR'S SIGNATURE: I, Type text here _____, hereby certify that the information I have provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that by signing this document I certify that I have available to me the full guaranteed amount of \$ _____ as reported as a source of funding for the first year of study for the student listed above and adequate funds available for subsequent terms/years that the student attends Columbia College. I certify that any restrictions on the transfer of funds will not prevent the funds from being made available during the student's projected stay in the United States. I understand that it is my responsibility to cover any additional fees, beyond those disclosed above, in association with the transfer of funds.

Guardian's Signature

Date



Affidavit of Sponsor Support

I, _____, certify that I will financially support _____
(sponsor's name) *(student's name)*

who is my _____ while the student attends Columbia College. I will provide
(student's relation to you)

\$_____ per year to pay tuition, fees, living expenses, and all other educational expenses. This
(in U.S. dollars)

funding will be available for the first year of study at Columbia College and will continue for each subsequent year throughout the completion of the student's program of study.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

* The Affidavit of Sponsor Support should be accompanied by a letter from the sponsor's bank on the bank's letterhead or a certification of deposit indicating the sponsor's name, the current balance and when the account was opened.

