

# INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT INSTRUCTIONS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Purpose of the Affidavit:** Colleges and universities in the United States are required by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to have documentary proof of adequate financial support before a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) is issued. The I-20 is used to obtain a visa for entrance into this country or for a transfer from another U.S. college or university. Proof must be shown that funds are available to cover your expenses while in the U.S. for the first academic year.

**WARNING:** Providing false information may jeopardize a student's visa status. Furthermore, the institution may revoke its initial decision to enroll the student.

**Privately sponsored students:** Proper completion and submission of the attached Affidavit are required (see instructions for the affidavit below). An Affidavit of Support Form (I-134) must be submitted instead of this Affidavit if the sponsor is a permanent or U.S. citizen. If more than one person will be providing funds, each sponsor will need to complete a separate Affidavit. Remember to attach the letters from the bank and the sponsor's employer to the Affidavit.

### Important notes and requirements regarding official financial documentation:

- Official and original documents must be provided
- All documents must be in English and figures in equivalent U.S. dollars.
- All supporting documentation must be dated within one year of initial enrollment at Oakwood University.

**If you are a transfer student, attach a copy of the I-20 from the last U.S. institution attended.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*The student must receive an acceptance letter before an I-20 is submitted.*

*Also, a \$1,200 U.S. Personal Surety Deposit is required.*

1. The Affidavit must be fully and properly complete. Please type or clearly print in black or blue ink.
2. The "Declaration of Sponsor" section must be signed by the sponsor; no one else may sign this section.
3. The Affidavit is to be affirmed in person by the sponsor before a notary of the public, attorney, U.S. consulate officer or any other official authorized to administer oaths. This section must be confirmed by the official in the section of the affidavit entitled "Certification by an Authorized Official."
4. Supporting evidence of financial resources must be attached to the Affidavit. An original letter on official stationery is required from a bank or other financial institution. The letter must show the sponsor's savings deposit, certificates of deposit, money market certificates or other types of accounts containing readily available funds. Information provided by the bank should state (1) date account(s) opened, (2) total deposited for the past year, and (3) amount of funds in the account(s). The letter from the sponsor's employer must state (1) date and nature of employment, (2) salary paid, and (3) whether position is permanent or temporary.
5. Items not acceptable as evidence of available funds are income tax statements or returns, proof of property ownership, and statements from retirement plans.

**NOTE:** If you wish to be accompanied by your family during your studies, you must provide evidence of additional funding before we can authorize any family member to accompany you. If your spouse and/or children intend to accompany you, you must show financial evidence of an additional \$4,000 U.S. for each dependent. On a separate sheet of paper include the name(s), date(s) of birth, country of birth, and relationship(s) of those who will accompany you.

**Please return the Affidavit and supporting documents to: Oakwood University  
Attn: Office of Admissions  
7000 Adventist Blvd., NW  
Huntsville, AL 35896**

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**U.S. Citizens|Permanent Residents must complete USCIS Form I-134 (Affidavit of Support) to sponsor a Foreign Student  
Non-U.S. Citizens, carefully read information and instructions before completing this form.**

A certificate of Eligibility (I-20 Form) will be issued after all documents provided has been evaluated and approved. Financial documents must state figures in U.S. currency.

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family)
First (Given)
Middle (or Maiden)

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

Telephone No. (Include Country Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This affidavit is executed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family)
First (Given)
Middle (or Maiden)

**SOURCES OF FUNDS**

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST YEAR (Must be at least \$33,000 U.S.)**

**1. SELF SUPPORT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A letter from the bank must be attached verifying the total amount of funds in the account.  
 Checking accounts are not acceptable means of documentation.

**2. PARENT OR INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A letter from the bank must be attached verifying the total amount of funds in the account.  
 Checking accounts are not acceptable means of documentation.

**3. GOVERNMENT/OTHER SPONSORING AGENCY** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attach with this form a signed copy of your award letter.

**4. OTHER (Specify)** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attach with this form an official document verifying information. (Example: OU scholarship letter)

**MINIMUM ESTIMATED TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 The total of items 1-4 should equal the institution's estimated expenses of \$33,000 U.S. or more for one academic year.

**DECLARATION OF SPONSOR**

I certify that all information provided on this Affidavit, and on the attached document(s) proving availability of funds, is true and valid. I do intend to make the monetary contributions as stated in the total column during the applicant's stay at Oakwood University. I accept this Affidavit as a binding document.

Signature of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and title of officer administering oath: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature
Title