Ohio University Financial Support Form Instructions

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services requires that Ohio University establish that you as a student have sufficient funds for the first year (two semesters-excluding the optional summer term) of study before a Certificate of Eligibility can be issued.

If you are awarded support from Ohio University in the form of a graduate appointment, the monetary value of the award is deducted from the total amount required to be shown for the Certificate of Eligibility to be issued.

If a tuition waiver and stipend are awarded, the estimated value of the total amount awarded by the program during that first academic year (two semesters-excluding the optional summer term) will show on your I-20.

Amounts listed on the I-20 are estimated amounts and should not be considered contractual.

- Please include your name, date of birth, and Ohio University PID (if known) on every document submitted.
- Complete the Ohio University Financial Support Form
- Please provide a copy of your passport and required bank documents as explained below. If you will bring dependents with you, please provide copies of their passports.

ALL BANK DOCUMENTS MUST HAVE:
- Current date (no earlier than one year before the start date of the first term)
- Student’s name (or account holder’s name if sponsor is someone other than student)
- Type of account (checking, savings), account number and the current balance of the account expressed in USD. If account is not in USD, the document must clearly state the currency of the account.
- Bank letters or statements should be on official bank letterhead, must have the signature of a bank official and an official stamp of the bank. **The bank statement or letter must be scanned and submitted in color. Printouts of online statements must bear the stamp of the bank and be certified (signed) by a bank official.**

  Statements are valid for one year from the issue date

  Documents must be written in English or in the original language and accompanied by an official English translation

  All funds must be readily accessible and liquid (funds can be withdrawn at any time)

Acceptable account types for I-20 issuance (from overseas banking institutions)
- Savings
- Checking
- Ordinary Deposit
- Savings Deposit
- Passbook Deposit/Savings
- Demand Account/Deposit
- Collection Savings
- Deposit Certificates

Unacceptable account types (from overseas banking institutions)
- Time Deposits
- Savings Optional Deposit
- Fixed Deposit
- PF/PPF (India Retirement Account)
- Postal Savings Certificates
- Bonds
- Retirement Accounts
- Investment Funds
- Bank Loan documents
- Stock Market Accounts
- Letters of employment showing wage amounts
- Life Insurance Policies
- Money Market Accounts
- Credit Card Balances
- Assets
If you are self-funded, you must:
- Submit recently issued original and official bank certified statement(s) or bank certified letter. Printouts of online statements must be certified by a signature of a bank official and must bear the stamp of the bank.

If you are being sponsored by an individual, your sponsor(s) must:
- Complete the information located on page two of the Financial Support form along with a recently issued original and official bank certified statement(s) or bank certified letter(s). Balance of the account must be equal to or greater than the amount your sponsor(s) has indicated they are providing for your support. Printouts of online statements must be certified by a signature of a bank official and must bear the stamp of the bank.

If you are being sponsored by a scholarship, grant, or loan from a government agency, you must:
- Submit an original letter on official letterhead indicating your (applicant’s) name, date of birth, current date, name of university student is attending, name and level of program being supported, length of support, and list all expenses that will be covered, to include dependent expenses if applicable.

If you are being sponsored by a business or corporation, Owner(s) must:
- Submit an original letter on company letterhead stating they are sponsoring you, the total value of that sponsorship and must list all owners’ names of the business.
- All owners are required to sign the letter. If one individual owns the business/corporation, the letter must indicate that person is the sole owner.
- The business must also submit a bank certified letter stating the current date, name of business, type of account (checking, savings), account number and the current balance of the account expressed in USD or clearly show the currency type.

-Bonds and Certificates of Deposit are accepted from U.S. sponsors and U.S. banks only. Values must be stated on the date the bank letter is issued, not value at maturity.

-Retirement accounts, investment funds, and stock market accounts are not accepted, as the value and availability of such is too volatile.

-Financial documents may be verified for authenticity and are accepted at the discretion of the Designated School Official. The Designated School Official can also ask for submission of additional documentation.

WARNING: Failure to submit bank documents from appropriate sources will result in a delay or non-issuance of an I-20.

WARNING: Providing false information may jeopardize a student’s visa status and may result in the university revoking its initial decision to enroll the student.