

Southwestern Michigan College

Evidence of Financial Support for International Students

U.S. immigration regulations require nonimmigrant students seeking F-1 visa status to present proof of financial support to cover all study and living expenses for the first year of study. Privately sponsored students must submit a Declaration of Financial Support from the sponsor stating the amount that will be provided in addition to financial documentation. We cannot issue an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility—which is required for a visa—until we receive this documentation.

Evidence of financial support may be submitted with the application for admission or after you have been admitted to the college.

For students in all associate degree programs, except for direct admits to the nursing program:

Estimated Costs for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Tuition and Fees	\$7,927.50	<i>Tuition and fees are based on 30 contact hours of enrollment total between the fall and spring semesters. Miscellaneous expenses include the estimated cost of books, supplies, transportation and other personal expenses.</i>
Room and Board	\$9,450.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,472.00	
Total	USD \$20,849.50	

For students who have been directly admitted to the nursing program:

Estimated Costs for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Tuition and Fees	\$12,155.51	<i>Tuition and fees are based on full-time enrollment in the first and second semester of the nursing program. Miscellaneous expenses include the estimated cost of books, supplies, transportation and other personal expenses.</i>
Room and Board	\$9,450.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,919.00	
Total	USD \$25,524.51	

Additional Costs for Dependents

If your legal spouse and/or children will accompany you to the United States, additional financial documentation is required in the following amounts:

First dependent.....	\$5,500.00
Each additional dependent.....	\$3,000.00

You must also provide a passport and marriage certificate (for a spouse) and/or birth certificate (for each child).

Acceptable Forms of Documentation

- Bank statements indicating type of currency
- Investment statements indicating liquid assets
- Scholarship letters
- Lines of credit
- Governmental funding

Unacceptable Forms of Documentation

- Chartered account statements
- Payroll reports/expected income
- Tax statements
- Property assessments
- Credit cards
- Bank statements lacking type of currency

Please note: All financial documentation must be dated within six months of the date of submission.

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Declaration of Financial Support for International Students

A Declaration of Financial Support should be completed by each person or entity that agrees to provide financial support for tuition and fees and/or living expenses for your duration of study at Southwestern Michigan College.

Student Information

Full Name _____

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) _____

Sponsor Information

Full Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Amount of Funding Provided \$ _____ USD

By signing this form:

I ensure that the funds I have agreed to provide will be available to the above named student for his/her first year of study at Southwestern Michigan College.

I understand that this amount covers only one year of expenses and that a comparable amount will be needed for the duration of the student's program.

I understand that this Declaration of Financial Support and the attached evidence of financial support will be used for the sole purpose of issuing Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility to the student.

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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