International Applicant Financial Information

Per Federal Regulations, each applicant who is in F-1 status or will be obtaining an F-1 visa is required to submit proof of financial documentation. The information below is designed to help students determine how much funding is required and what documents are needed to be approved for study at Georgia State.

Estimated Program Costs

This is not a bill. The figures represent the minimal costs of studying and living in Atlanta; your personal experience may differ based on your own personal expenses. The tuition and fees amounts on the right reflect the 2015-2016 rates for Summer Institute. All of the figures are subject to change without notice. **Tuition amount is based on 6 credit hours for Summer Institute 2016.**

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<th>Summer Program</th>
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<td>Tuition (in-state)</td>
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<td>Fees</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Supporting Document Requirements

You will need below supporting documents, if you need to apply for a visa to enter the U.S. Present them to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at the time you apply for a visa. Please note that the financial documents submitted to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate must not be older than 60 days. The documents submitted to Georgia State must not be older than 6 months. Remember that you will only need to submit those documents that apply to your own financial situation.

**Bank Certification Letter.** This letter is required of all students who use personal or sponsor funds. It must meet these standards:
1. Letter on bank letterhead with bank’s contact information including telephone number and address;
2. Full name on the account, account number and the date account was opened;
3. Current and average amount of the account;
4. Currency, type (savings, checking, etc.) and terms of the account;
5. Bank official’s printed name and original signature.
6. All funding should be in a liquid form such as a checking or savings account. If the funding is in the form of investments, the bank/financial institution official must state the terms of the investment and whether or not the money is accessible for your education.
7. All documents must be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

**Sponsor(s) Letter of Commitment (an affidavit) or Sponsor Commitment Form.** This letter/form is required of all students who have a sponsor. Sponsor’s bank documentation is required with this letter/form. The sponsor must include the following information in their letter of support:
1. Student’s full name;
2. The relationship between student and the sponsor;
3. The amount and duration of the support;
4. The sponsor’s original signature, full name, telephone number, and address.

**Organization(s) Sponsorship Letter.** This letter is required of all students who are receiving funding from any organization, including Georgia State University. It must include these requirements:
1. Official original letterhead with organization’s contact information including telephone number and address;
2. Student’s full name;
3. The amount and duration of the support (if University award, the semester support will start);
4. Original signature and title of the responsible official.
To request an I-20 form from our office, you need to submit the following three documents:

1) Copy of passport identification page
2) International Applicant Immigration Form
3) Original bank letter with monetary value of $5,964.62

After you receive your I-20 and welcome packet, please follow the instructions in the welcome packet to make SEVIS payment ($200) and schedule a visa interview. For more information regarding how to apply for F-1 student visa, please refer to US embassy in your home country.

Q: Why is "Estimated Program Costs" more expensive than the actual program cost?
A: Other than the tuition and fees, the "Estimated Program Costs" includes housing/medical insurance/transportation/CityPass/Panther Card/flexible meal plan, as well as estimated living expenses, which represents the minimal costs of studying and living in Atlanta.

Q: What is acceptable form of financial documentation?
A: You can submit a bank certification letter within 6 months old or the most recent three months bank statements. Keep the ORIGINAL for your visa interview and submit a copy of the document to ISSS office for I-20.

For visa interview: You must show ORIGINAL bank document at your visa interview.
For obtaining I-20: You may submit a scanned copy to ISSS office.

Q: Do I have to submit financial documents in U.S. dollars?
A: No. Your financial documents do not have to be submitted in U.S. dollars, although it is helpful that any document you submit in foreign currency contains the U.S. dollar equivalency. It is perfectly acceptable to submit documents in foreign currency, such as RMB, Rupees, or Euro. Our office will convert the foreign currency into US dollar based on the latest exchange rate when we review your documents.

Q: What is an I-20?
A: Form I-20 is also called Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student. It is issued by the university or college you have been accepted, which is Georgia State University in this case. It is a government form that tells the U.S. government that you are eligible for F-1 Student Status. It certifies that you are expected to be a student of Georgia State University and you will pursue a full course of study. It also shows that you show proof to the college/university that you have enough money to study and live in the U.S. without working illegally or suffering from poverty. You need this form to apply for the F-1 student visa.

Q: I have submitted all required documents, how long does it take for me to receive my I-20?
A: Your financial documents will be reviewed in 3-5 business days after ISSS receives them. If they are acceptable, an I-20 will be issued within another 3-5 business days. You will be contacted if we need more documents from you.

Q: When can I apply for F-1 student visa and how can I do that?
You can apply 120 days before the program start date of your I-20 form. You will receive a welcome packet, including instructions on how to apply for F-1 visa after your I-20 is issued, what documents you will need to take with you for visa interview, what to expect to cross Customs and Border Protection.