



International Programs

International Application for Form I-20 and Certification of Financial Responsibility

IMPORTANT:

The information on the following pages explains how to become eligible for F-1 student status in the United States.

The Form I-20 is a multi-purpose document issued by a U.S. government-approved educational institution certifying that a student has been admitted to a full-time study program and has demonstrated sufficient financial resources to stay in the United States. The Form I-20 allows an individual to apply for an F-1 student visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad. You need a Form I-20 to obtain an F-1 student visa or status, or to keep lawful F-1 status when transferring or changing schools within the U.S.

Submit the requested documentation via post, fax, or email to:

International Admissions
Office of Enrollment Services
Minot State University
500 University Ave West
Minot, ND 58707, USA
Fax: +1-701-858-3888
Email: admissions@minotstateu.edu

The Form I-20 and Certificate of Eligibility Certifies that you have completed the following tasks:

You are, or expect to be a "bona fide" student:	You have proven sufficient financial support:	You have submitted all required documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet all requirements for admission	<input type="checkbox"/> To cover the entire cost of living and studying in the U.S. without working illegally or suffering from poverty	<input type="checkbox"/> Application for Form I-20 (pages 2-3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted into a full-time program of study		<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Statement of Financial Responsibility (page 5)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor's Affidavit of Support (page 7)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Financial support documents
		<input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of biographic page of passport

These steps must be completed at the same time as you are applying for admission to Minot State University.

INFORMATION REGARDING ACCEPTABLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your financial support can come from any combination of the following sources in the U.S. or abroad:

1. **PERSONAL FUNDS** that come from your own resources, not those of your relative.
 - a. **Savings and/or investment statement(s) in your name.** The most recent statement of balances and deposits that is available. Statements cannot be more than 2 months old at the time that you apply for admission.

2. **FUNDS FROM "SPONSORS"** (parents, relatives, friends). Unless you have enough cash to support yourself for your entire program of study, or can prove other sources of personal income, you will need a sponsor with an income sufficient to support you. You may have as many sponsors as you need.
 - a. **FINANCIAL SPONSOR(S) AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT (page 7 of this packet).**
 - i. This form may be photocopied for each sponsor. **All** questions must be answered.

AND

 - b. **DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE.** (instructions on page 6)
 - i. **Savings, investment, retirement or education fund statement(s)**

AND/OR

 - ii. **Proof of discretionary income.**

3. **OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING** such as scholarships, graduate assistantships, loans or other sources.
 - a. **COPY OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTER, GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP CONTRACT OR LOAN TERMS** stating exactly what you will be receiving and for how long.



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Application for Form I-20

PART I: Personal Information

1. Gender: Male Female (Please check one) **2. Birthdate:** _____ / ____ / _____ (month/dd/yyyy)

3. Enter your name exactly as shown on your country's passport. *Attach a copy of your passport to confirm your name.*

 Family (Last) Name First (Given) Name Middle Name(s)

4. Your permanent, physical address in your home country. Postal boxes are not accepted.

 Number and Street

 City State/Province Country Postal Code

5. Address in the United States (if known). *This information is required for students transferring to Minot State from within the U.S.*

 Number and Street

 City State/Province Country Postal Code

6. Email: _____

7. Telephone *(required)* _____ **8. Country and City of Birth:** _____

9. Country of Citizenship: _____ **10. Country of Permanent Residence:** _____

11. Will you be attending MSU as an athlete? Yes No

a. If yes, in what sport will you be participating? _____

12. Dependents: A student wishing to have his/her family member(s) accompany him/her must document the following additional amounts for each family member per academic year of intended study: Spouse: \$14,500; first child: \$6,580; each additional child: \$4,800.

I plan to come without dependents

The following dependents will accompany me (list names and relationships)

Please attach a copy of dependent's passport biography page to confirm name.

_____ Family (Last) Name	_____ First (Given) Name	_____ Birthdate <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>	_____ Country of Birth	_____ Relation to you <i>(spouse, child)</i>
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PART II: If you are in the United States now, complete this section. If not, continue to Part III.

13. What is your current visa Status?

- F-1 What is your SEVIS ID Number?** _____
If you are currently in F-1 student status, be sure to include the MSU Transfer Clearance Form in your application.
- If not F-1, what is your current visa status?** _____

14. Do you plan to travel outside the U.S. before school starts? **No** **Yes** Dates: _____

PART III: If you are not currently in the U.S, complete this section.

15. Have you ever attended school in the U.S in F-1 student status? **Yes** **No**

a. If yes, what was the last date of attendance? _____

If you attended a U.S. school last term and are just home on holiday between academic terms, you are considered a "School Transfer" and need to have your SEVIS record transferred to Minot State before your new Form I-20 may be issued. Please send the international student advisor at your previous school the Minot State Transfer Clearance Form immediately to authorize the release of your SEVIS record to us.

PART IV: How do you prefer to receive your Form I-20?

Please Note: I-20 documents can only be picked up or mailed to either yourself or a parent/legal guardian (if you are under the age of 18). Third-Party options are not allowed per U.S. federal policy.

Hold for pick-up by: _____
(Self or Parent/Legal Guardian Name) Phone

Mail via STANDARD AIRMAIL Delivery via standard mail can take 3-10+ weeks to arrive and does not include tracking. Standard mail is an option available up to 6 weeks prior to the start of the term. If your I-20 will be mailed less than 6 weeks prior to the start of the term, Express Delivery will be required.

EXPRESS DELIVERY: Express delivery is available for the cost of **US\$65.00 per packet shipped outside the USA or US\$20.00 per packet shipped within the USA.** Your Form I-20 will be sent via express delivery to the name and physical address indicated below. Express delivery requests can be accommodated only after payment is successfully processed. This non-refundable shipping fee can be paid using MasterCard, Visa, or Flywire. If you choose Flywire (an online payment method, similar to a wire transfer or to pay with your credit card online), instructions on how to pay the fee will be included in your acceptance email. Payments made via Flywire may take several days to process and documents will not be shipped until the payment has been confirmed by our local bank.

MasterCard Visa Flywire

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ 3-digit Security Code: _____
(mm/yy) from reverse side of card

Cardholder Name: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____
I hereby authorize you to charge my credit card for the total fee of USD \$65.00 (outside USA) or \$20.00 (in USA)*

**In order to verify authorization of this charge a copy of an official form of photo identification of the cardholder, showing a signature, must accompany with this form. Acceptable forms of identification include a passport, an official driver's license, or any other national or state issued identification card.*

**Print the name and address in English, exactly as it should appear on the envelope.
For express shipping, postal boxes are not accepted and a physical address is required.**

Recipients First (Given) Name _____ Recipients Family (Last) Name _____

Company/Business Name (if applicable) _____ Phone Number at Location _____

Physical Address Number and Street _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Your Annual Estimate of Expenses for International Students (2019-2020)

*This is a modest, "no extras" budget that does not include luxuries of any kind.
It is highly recommended that you budget at least 10% more than the figures provided below.*

	Undergraduate:	Graduate:
Tuition and Required Fees	\$7,592	\$9,553
<i>* Full-time=9 credit hours/semester for graduate students</i>		
<i>* Full-time=12 credit hours/semester for undergraduate students</i>		
Mandatory Health/Accident Insurance Coverage	\$1,978	\$1,978
<i>12 months of coverage. This fee is non-negotiable.</i>		
Housing and Food	\$7,144	\$7,144
<i>This is based on the average cost of a shared room in a residential hall with a 19 meal per week plan</i>		
International Student Fee	\$150	\$150
Books and Supplies	\$1,100	\$1,100
Local transportation	\$1,232	\$1,232
<i>Travel to and from your country, or the costs of owning a car are additional expenses.</i>		
Misc. (personal items, clothing)	+\$2,256	+\$2,256
Total Required University & Living Costs:	\$21,452	\$23,413

WORKSHEET: YOUR ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS

YOUR REQUIRED UNIVERSITY & LIVING COSTS <i>(appropriate amount from the top section):</i>	<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>
	\$21,452	\$23,413

YOUR ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT COSTS *(if any):*

Dependent Costs:

If you are going to be accompanied by a spouse or child, you must show additional evidence of financial capability to cover their expenses during the academic year in the following amount:

- \$14,500 annually for your spouse
- \$6,580 for your first child
- \$4,800 each additional child

+ \$

YOUR TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS:

\$	USD
<i>(minimum required \$21,452/\$23,413)</i>	

This is the minimum amount of guaranteed funds you must document in order to be issued a Form I-20

On-campus employment is extremely limited and competitive, and off-campus employment is strictly controlled by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Expect annual increases of approximately 10% each year.



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Student's Statement of Financial Responsibility

Sources of Funding	Amount provided to the Student annually while attending Minot State (in US dollars)
Personal Funds <i>(Enclose personal bank statement)</i>	\$ USD
Cash Funds for a 1 st Sponsor. <i>(Enclose financial documents and "Affidavit of Support")</i> Sponsor's Name: _____	\$ USD
Cash Funds for a 2 nd Sponsor. <i>(Enclose financial documents and "Affidavit of Support")</i> Sponsor's Name: _____	\$ USD
Other sources of funding. <i>Scholarships/Loans/Other (Enclose supporting documentation)</i> Specify Source: _____	\$ USD
Other sources of funding. <i>Scholarships/Loans/Other (Enclose supporting documentation)</i> Specify Source: _____	\$ USD
Total amount available to me every year of study. Add the above amounts and list total in this box. This amount must be the same or more than your minimum annual costs listed on the previous page.	TOTAL: \$ USD (minimum required \$21,452/\$23,413)

The following supporting documentation is attached:

My personal financial evidence supporting documents: Savings account or investment statements

Sponsors documents: Affidavit of Support

Financial Evidence supporting documents must be:

1. *Less than two months old at the time of submission of documents.*
2. *In English.*
3. *Photocopies or faxes, not originals.*

(Keep the originals of documents you have sent us to take with you for entry into the U.S.)

Bank Letter/Statement of Savings Investments/Retirement/Education Funds Proof of income

Other sources of funding: Award letter(s) Copy of contract(s) Other relevant documentation

Student's certification

I certify that the information provided above is complete and correct and that I have attached the required supporting documentation. My signature below indicates that I understand that I am responsible for all tuition, fees, and living expenses that I incur during my attendance at Minot State University. I further understand that with the exception of any scholarship or assistantship already offered to me by the university, I do not expect Minot State University to provide me with financial assistance or employment.

If I am granted admission, I agree to be informed and knowledgeable about the United States federal regulations pertaining to international students and to comply with all relevant laws.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Printed Name: _____



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Financial Sponsor's Affidavit of Support

WHAT DOES THIS AFFIDAVIT MEAN?

By completing this affidavit, you are swearing to the U.S. government that you will provide this student with a specific amount of money from your own financial resources *for every year* he or she is going to study at Minot State University and live in the U.S. You are also proving that you can afford the support you are promising with the documents you have attached.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

- Fill this form out completely in English. *Promise only the amount of money you are able to give.*
- Attach documents that provide evidence of support

ALL DOCUMENTATION YOU PROVIDE US MUST BE:

1. **Less than two months old at the time of submission of documents.**
2. **In English.**
3. **Photocopies or faxes, not originals.**

DOCUMENTS THAT PROVIDE FINANCIAL EVIDENCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: *Option 1 or 2*

1. **Savings, investment, retirement or education fund statement(s)**
 - a. The most recent statement that is available, which shows balances and deposits.
 - b. If the statement is in the name of more than one person (example: husband and wife), each individual must sign the affidavit of support.
2. **Proof of discretionary income.**
 - a. **Individual Sponsor**
 - i. Income tax returns (or receipts) with most recent pay stub, **OR**
 - ii. Pay stubs for the last six months. *Pay stubs must show name of employer.*
 - b. **Self-employed Sponsor**
 - i. Business registration and license that lists the names of all owners
 1. **All** owners must sign the Financial Sponsor's Affidavit of Support
 - ii. Proof of individual sponsor's income (most recent bank statements, paystubs, etc.)

Note that the income of a company is not the income of the owner of the business and will not be accepted as proof of income.

EXAMPLES OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL EVIDENCE OPTIONS

A combination of examples could be used if needed to meet required amount.

EXAMPLE #1	EXAMPLE #2	EXAMPLE #3
Bank Statement/Bank Letter	Investments/Retirement/Education Funds	Pay Stubs/Tax Forms
provide a statement less than 2 months old	<i>proving liquid assets (does not include land, equipment, livestock, rental/lease properties, etc.)</i>	Last 6 months pay stubs OR current year income tax form and most recent pay stub
includes sponsor(s) name	provide statement less than 2 months old	
includes institution name/logo	includes institution name/logo	
shows balance of available funds	includes sponsor(s) name	
shows currency	shows balance of available funds	
	shows currency	



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Financial Sponsor's Affidavit of Support

This is to certify that I, the sponsor, _____, will provide funds
(Sponsors' printed names)
in the amount of no less than U.S. \$ _____ in support of _____
(Full name of student)
for his/her tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and personal expenditures for every year of the student's program of study at Minot State University.

My relationship to the student is _____
Parent, spouse, brother/sister, friend, etc.

My Address is:

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

The additional following persons are fully or partially dependent upon me for their support. If you have no dependents other than the student named above, write "NONE."

_____	_____	_____
<small>Name</small>	<small>Relationship to me (spouse/child/etc.)</small>	<small>Age</small>
_____	_____	_____
<small>Name</small>	<small>Relationship to me (spouse/child/etc.)</small>	<small>Age</small>
_____	_____	_____
<small>Name</small>	<small>Relationship to me (spouse/child/etc.)</small>	<small>Age</small>
_____	_____	_____
<small>Name</small>	<small>Relationship to me (spouse/child/etc.)</small>	<small>Age</small>

Total savings/investments available: _____ (USD)

Name of my employer: _____ Annual Salary: _____ (in USD)

I certify that the information I have provided above is true and correct and that proof of my income and/or savings/investment statements are attached.

 Signature of Sponsor #1

 Signature of Sponsor #2

 Today's Date

 Today's Date