

INFORMATION REGARDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Before West Virginia University can issue the document necessary to apply for a student visa (Form I-20 or Form DS-2019) the student must provide proof that he or she has the adequate financial resources to provide for his or her expenses incurred while studying at WVU. For an **estimate** of the overall cost of one year of study (including tuition, fees, living expenses, health insurance, books and personal expenses, etc...) see the list of program expenses below. These amounts are **subject to change** as tuition and living expenses increase and some programs may have additional expenses which would require the applicant to show additional support. Certification of financial support can take one of or a combination of the following forms:

1. If the student or student's parent will fund the student's studies at WVU, the student must provide an official bank statement showing the availability of the required amount. Bank statements can be no older than 6 months.
2. If the student will be supported by a private sponsor, the sponsor must provide a letter declaring intent of sponsorship **AND** an official bank statement showing the availability of the required amount. Bank statements can be no older than 6 months.
3. If the student will be sponsored by a government agency or a public or private institution, the agency or institution must provide official certification that the appropriate costs will be covered. Sponsorship statements can be no older than 6 months. Letters indicating the student was **nominated** for candidacy for a scholarship are **not** acceptable as a financial support guarantee.

NOTE REGARDING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS: West Virginia University must have the original or a certified copy of the original certification of financial support in order to issue the form I-20 or DS-2019. Since the student may need to provide the same certification of financial support when applying for a student visa, it is recommended that the student obtain duplicate certifications or provide WVU with certified copies. **Photocopies that are not certified as true copies of the original will not be considered as acceptable proof of financial support.**

NOTE REGARDING FINANCIAL AID: WVU offers limited academic scholarships or financial aid to undergraduate international students. Students who will be receiving financial aid from West Virginia University (assistantship, fellowship, etc...) must realize that if the amount of aid is not at least as much as the indicated estimated expenses, the student will be responsible for showing proof of support for the remainder. Applicants should not assume that financial aid will be provided or that it will be sufficient to cover all expenses and should be prepared to provide adequate certification of support even if they are applying for an assistantship, etc... It is the **responsibility of the student** to submit to the Office of Admissions and Records all documentation of financial support, including financial award letters or notice of assistantship.

PROGRAM EXPENSES: Following is a list of **estimated expenses** for one year of study (tuition, fees, living expenses, etc...) for various programs at WVU. Please note that costs and expenses **may change at any time** without notice.

| | <u>GRADUATE</u> | <u>UNDERGRADUATE</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| General University | \$28,666 | \$28,148 |
| Agric., Forestry & Consumer Sci. | \$29,276 | \$28,758 |
| Business & Econ (new admits) | \$31,518 | \$29,244 |
| MBA (includes 12 hrs summer) | \$41,404 | |
| Engineering | \$30,002 | \$29,484 |
| Human Resources and Education | \$29,020 | \$28,502 |
| Journalism | \$29,004 | \$28,486 |
| Dentistry (excludes Prof DDS) | \$32,734 | \$31,800 |
| Medicine (excludes Prof MD & DPT) | \$32,542 | |
| Nursing | \$32,542 | \$31,916 |
| Public Health | \$34,754 | |
| Pharmaceutical Sci. (excludes PharmD) | \$34,540 | |
| All other Health Professions | \$34,778 | \$31,616 |
| Law | \$37,906 | |
| <u>ADDITIONAL EXPENSES</u> | | |
| Spouse -- \$3,210 Child -- \$1,657 | | |