

Brooklyn College
International Student Services
Effective Spring 2010

The City University of New York bills the tuition of students in F1 visa class at the non-resident rate for the duration of their studies in F1 status. In addition, F1 students are not eligible for Federal or State Financial aid.

The estimated total cost of educating an international student:

Undergraduate	*\$76,904 USD for 4 years
Graduate	*\$61,830 USD for 2 ½ years

Transfer credits will not decrease the annual cost of education.

Currency quotes must be in your country's currency with a notation of the United States Dollar equivalent on the day of the transaction.

All documents in a foreign language must have a certified English translation.
This includes bank information.

Sponsors are responsible for actually financing the student's education and not merely showing the office financial statements to obtain an I-20. **Students whose intentions are to attend school without personal funds or sponsorship and to work illegally to finance their education will experience severe economic hardship.**

As a result, this will have a negative impact on their academic performance and a violation of their immigration status. It also implies that the student obtained the SEVIS I-20 and F1 visa without disclosing accurate information to Brooklyn College, the United States Embassy and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

NOTE

- We will issue the *certificate of eligibility for non-immigrant (f1) students, SEVIS I-20* based on the student's and/or sponsor's ability to finance the cost of education.
- Federal regulations prohibit students from working off-campus **without authorization** from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- **An Admissions acceptance letter from Brooklyn College does not guarantee the student an I-20 from either Brooklyn College or the F1 visa from a United States Embassy.**
- **We cannot issue the SEVIS I-20 if you do not have sufficient funds or have not indicated your permanent or tentative housing arrangement in the United States.**

In order to obtain the *Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant (F1) Student Status - SEVIS I-20*, you and/or your sponsor are required to submit the following:

A The original Certificate of Finance (COF) with items one (1) and two (2)

- 1** An **original** employer's statement on the company's letterhead that verifies your sponsor's **duration** of employment and **yearly income**.

A retired sponsor is required to submit income **from either one or all of the following sources**: pension, social security, retirement fund or other means of support.

- 2** A statement from a **financial institution** which shows that your sponsor has **funds** that are readily available to support you for the duration of your studies.

Unacceptable Proof of Income – A bank book, stock certificates, the retirement fund statement of a person who is **currently employed**.

Self-Employed sponsors must submit a certified copy of their business license/ certificate and one of the following. However, based on the information that you submit, we may request items **one (1) and two (2)**. **Currency quotes must be in the foreign denomination with the US dollar equivalent.**

- 1** **An original** statement from a financial institution that indicates the sponsor's ability to support the student with the required expenses. We will not accept a statement that vaguely states that your sponsor has **“sufficient funds” or “amounts in the high or low five or six figure bracket”**.
- 2** A **certified copy** of your sponsor's previous year's Income Tax return.

Government or Business Sponsorships

The agency or company is required to be **specific** in the assistance that they will provide the student **and** the duration of the sponsorship. **In addition, please indicate if there are conditions attached to the sponsorship**

NOTE: You may have more than one sponsor who resides in any country

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Financial disclosure, dependents and other matters

If the financial institution does not want to disclose your sponsor's assets, they must indicate their (sponsor) ability to support and the duration.

For example the statement must indicate that the sponsor can provide the student with: (Undergraduate - \$19,226) each year for X years OR (Graduate - \$24,732) each year for X years. The amount provided may be more or less according to your sponsor's commitment.

Financial statements must be **certified** and on an **official letterhead**.

All financial documents and commitment must indicate the country's currency with a notation of the **U.S Dollar equivalent on the day of the transaction**. Statements must not have been dated 6 months prior to the date that we receive them.

Documents in a foreign language must be submitted with an attached certified English translation.

Your sponsor is required to provide an additional **\$5,000 per year for each dependent** (spouse or children) who will be applying for the **F2 visa**. USCIS does not consider parents, siblings or extended family members as dependents.

Please submit all documents at the same time so that we can review your record and make a timely decision on your status. **Incomplete information will delay or may deny you the I-20.**

The Office of International Student Services holds students' information in the strictest confidence. Therefore, we will not release information to anyone without your authorization. If you will like someone in the United States to manage your affairs, please give us their name, relationship to you, address, phone number and email address.

B Room and Board Statement

Brooklyn College does not have on -campus housing, therefore, the student is responsible for locating his/her residence off-campus. Your sponsor(s) in the United States who will provide you with room and board may obtain the **Room and Board Statement** form from the (OISS) or download it from the Admissions website at www.brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Please return all documents to the Office of International Student Services, 1600 James Hall.