

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (FORM I-20)**  
**BARRY R. FEIRSTEIN GRADUATE SCHOOL**

International students who are admitted into a degree program at the City University of New York (CUNY) will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) in order to enter and/or remain in the United States as an F-1 student. This requirement applies whether you are a new student, a transfer student from another U.S. university, or a student who is transferring between CUNY colleges. Please include your biographic page of your passport with your application.

Sex (check one)  Male  Female

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Family name as in passport) (Given name as in passport) (Second given, or middle name, if any, as in passport)

2. Present Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street) (City, State) (Country) (Postal code)

3. Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year) (City and Country-must include both city and country)

5. Country(ies) of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

6. Permanent Overseas Address\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Required by U.S. Government Regulations (Postal code) (Number and street) (City, State) (Country)

7. Address in United States (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street) (City) (State) (Zip code)

8. Expected Semester of Enrollment: Fall 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 20 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Degree Program: M.F.A. \_\_\_\_\_ M.A. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you currently studying at a U.S. institution or college?  Yes  No Name: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you currently holding F-1 status?  Yes  No

**ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES.**

If you are currently in the United States, please indicate your immigration status. Attach a copy of the passport pages with the passport number, expiration date of passport, and the U.S. visa stamp. Include copies of both sides of the I-94 for yourself and accompanying family members.

13. F-1 Student Status \_\_\_\_\_ I-94 Admission Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copies of ALL your previously issued I-20 forms)

14. University that issued most recent I-20 \_\_\_\_\_ SEVIS # N \_\_\_\_\_

15. Current U.S. School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street) (City) (State) (Zip code)

17. Other Immigration Status (if applicable, specify type) \_\_\_\_\_

18. I-94 Admission Number \_\_\_\_\_ I-94 Expires on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

## **DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES**

Please indicate the source and amount of your financial support for the first two years for a master's degree. Brooklyn College requires that you provide documentation of guaranteed support for the first year and projected support for future years. Note that costs may increase 7 percent to 10 percent annually. Total amounts must meet or exceed the estimate of expenses (see "Sponsor Supporting Evidence" page).

U.S. immigration authorities require colleges to receive satisfactory financial certifications from prospective students before issuing an I-20. Therefore, you must attach original documents for each source of financial support you indicate. Please refer to the "Sponsor Supporting Evidence" page for a list of acceptable supporting documents. Be sure to have an additional set of original documents for your appointment at the U.S. consulate or embassy overseas.

Complete and send in this page with your application. Provide as much detail as possible.

**ONLY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FROM EACH SOURCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS ACCEPTABLE. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE OLDER THAN THREE MONTHS.**

(Amount in U.S. Dollars)

Guaranteed Support First Year	Projected Support Second Year	Projected Support Third Year	Projected Support Fourth Year
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### **A. STUDENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (Country)

**The student must provide the following documents in English:**

- 1) Bank officer's summary statement of account history.
- 2) Stock brokerage account statements, if any.

### **B. PARENTS AND/OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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**C. GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY OR OTHER SPONSOR**

<b>Source 1.</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Source 2.</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Source 3.</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$

(Attach current, signed official copy of the terms of sponsorship, including amount of support in U.S. dollars for the period covered.)

(Each total must equal the estimate of expenses for year.)

**BROOKLYN COLLEGE CANNOT ISSUE AN I-20 UNTIL YOU MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION.**

By signing my name to this form, I certify that the information above is a correct statement of my arrangements for financing my studies at Brooklyn College.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name \_\_\_\_\_

# AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

This form is for individuals using their own income and/or savings to support a student. It must be completed by the person who will provide the student with full or partial financial support and/or room and board during the student's course of study at Brooklyn College.

## SPONSORS PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT MUST COMPLETE ITEMS 1-6. SPONSORS PROVIDING ROOM AND/OR BOARD MUST COMPLETE ITEMS 1 AND 7.

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

1) I, \_\_\_\_\_, citizen of, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of sponsor) (Country)

and residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City/State) (Country) (Postal code) (Telephone)

certify the following:

2) I am employed with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of employer)

Located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City/State) (Country) (Postal code) (Telephone)

I receive an annual income of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S.) from this employment.  
(Attach a current salary confirmation statement written by that employer, or verification of annual income for self-employed or retired individuals. The employer statement or verification of annual income must be written in English or come with a certified translation.)

3) I have \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S.) on deposit with  
Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street) (City) (State) (Zip code)

### Attach bank officer's statement of account history.

4a) I currently support \_\_\_\_\_ persons (including myself). Our total annual income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S.).

Our total family expenses are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S.)

4b) I sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (number) individuals for immigration in addition to this affidavit.

### STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION

5) This affidavit is executed on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ who was born on \_\_\_\_\_ She/he is my \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of student) (Month Day, Year) (Relationship to Sponsor)

6) I hereby certify that I am willing, able and do commit to provide \_\_\_\_\_ with the annual amount  
(Name of student)  
of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S.) for her/his tuition, fees and/or living expenses each year during the entire program of study at the City University of  
New York until \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of sponsorship termination).

**ROOM AND BOARD SUPPORT INFORMATION**

(To be completed if student will live in the sponsor’s home in the United States).

7) I hereby certify that I will provide \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of student)

With (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Room only in my home at the address indicated above (valued at \$26,832)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full room and board (food) in my home as indicated above (valued at \$30,472) during each year that he/she follows a program of study at the City University of New York.

Note that this value cannot be included in any amount of support being provided in #6, above. Attach a copy of your lease or deed or copy of a statement from your landlord and proof of income.

By signing my name to this affidavit, I certify that the information above is a correct statement of my agreement to sponsor the student herein named.

**SIGNATURE** (This affidavit must be signed.)

(Signature of sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

A sponsor must show sufficient income and/or financial resources to ensure that the student being sponsored will not become a public charge (receive federal or state low-income benefits or services) while in the United States.

Only original documents from each source of financial support are acceptable. Failure to provide evidence of sufficient income and/or financial resources may result in the denial of the student’s application for a visa or his or her removal from the United States.

**A SPONSOR MUST SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF INCOME AND RESOURCES. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE OLDER THAN THREE MONTHS**

A. Written statement from an officer of the bank or other financial institution where the sponsor has accounts, providing the following details regarding the account:

- 1) Date account opened                      2) Total amount deposited for the past year                      3) Present balance

B. Statement of your employer on business stationery showing:

- 1) Date and nature of employment                      2) Whether the position is temporary or permanent                      3) Salary paid

C. If you are self-employed, please provide:

- 1) Copy of last income tax return filed or                      2) Report of commercial rating concern                      3) Schedule of assets with supporting document

**ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ATTENDING  
BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

The annual budget estimates below are separated for M.F.A and M.A. international students. The tuition and fees are set by the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York and are subject to change. The cost of living budget is for a 12-month period and is modest. Please be advised that “no extras” are in this budget. The budget does not include costs such as telephone calls, transportation to and from your country of origin, health insurance etc. It is highly recommended that you budget 10% more than what is estimated below.

**Graduate/ M.F.A. Degree Budget Estimates (2026-2027)**

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES	\$2,000
TRANSPORTATION (ex: unlimited NYC Metro card for subway/buses)	1,598
PERSONAL EXPENSES	3,846
HOUSING (Individual's cost based on average shared apartment)*	26,832
FOOD (at home)	3,640
LUNCH	2,427
TUITION (\$10,260 per semester + \$5,022 Academic Excellence Fee; 2 semesters) ***	30,564
FEES (Student Activities Fee, Consolidated Fee, Technology Fee) ***	429
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR FIRST YEAR **</b>	<b>\$71,336</b>

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HOUSING (Individual's cost based on average shared apartment)*	26,832
FOOD (at home)	3,640
LUNCH	2,427
TUITION (\$855 per credit; 9 credits per semester; 2 semesters)	15,390
FEES (Student Activities Fee, Consolidated Fee, Technology Fee) ***	429
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR FIRST YEAR **</b>	<b>\$56,162</b>

\*The amount allocated for housing expects that students are sharing housing space.

\*\*Data sources from CUNY and US Bureau of Labor Statistics

\*\*\* Tuition and Fees stated are based on the student taking at least 12 credits per semester as an M.F.A student and 9 credits as an M.A. student per semester.

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