

## FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT

Each International Student who wishes to receive an I-20 from Florida Southwestern State College must **have a sponsor or be self-sponsored**. If a sponsor plans to provide financial support, he/she must also submit a financial statement with this affidavit. As a self-sponsor, the student is required to submit a financial statement.

All documents in a financial statement must reflect the current exchange rate in American dollars. The affidavit cannot be more than six (6) months old on the date when the student plans to start studies at FSW. If the student defers their admissions application for a future term, they may be required to resubmit the financial affidavit to ensure it meets the timing requirement. In addition, F-1 students are required to resubmit new proof of finances if their I-20 is reissued due to a change of program or other qualifying actions.

For students who plan to pursue an AA or AS degree at Florida SouthWestern State College, the educational, living, and personal expenses for each academic year are currently estimated at approximately **\$31,019.12\*** for an F-1 Visa student living on their own and **\$22,090.12\*\*** if living with friends or family.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION: DETERMINE YOUR ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

College Expenses (12months)	Lower level courses →	AA / AS Degree Courses	Upper level courses →	BAS / BS (After AA or AS completion)
<b>Tuition per credit hour</b> Fall & Spring (additional fees may apply)	<b>\$432.63 per credit x 24 credits</b>	<b>10,383.12</b>	<b>\$795.34 per credit x 24 credits</b>	19,088.16
Books, Supplies, Lab and other fees		2,087.00		2,087.00
Health Insurance (12 months)		1,200.00		1,200.00
<b>Living and personal expenses (12 months)</b>				
Personal Expenses		1,947.00		1,947.00
Transportation		2,647.00		2,647.00
Room/Board living with sponsor		3,826.00		3,826.00
Room/Board living on own		12,755.00		12,755.00
<b>If living with sponsor &amp; has appropriate documentation:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,090.12 or more</b>		<b>\$30,795.16</b>
<b>If living on own:</b>	<b>Total →</b>	<b>\$31,019.12 or more</b>		<b>\$39,724.16</b>

*\*If an F-1 Visa student includes a spouse and/or dependent child/children under the age of 21 years (F-2 Visa), an additional fee of \$5,000 for spouse and \$3,000 for each child must be added to the **total** amount.*

*\*\*If the student will be living with a sponsor, a notarized statement from the sponsor must be submitted documenting the address where the student will reside while in the United States. Additionally the sponsor should note that room and board will be provided for the student at no cost. An identification document for the sponsor should also be included with the notarized statement.*

#### **Notice:**

Tuition and fees are subject to change if approved by the Florida Legislature. Students will be invoiced for fee increases, if applicable. Fees are payable at the time of registration each term. This affidavit is the sponsor's agreement that he/she will be responsible for the above expenses while the international student is attending Florida Southwestern State College. International students are not permitted to earn wages while in the United States without prior approval from the USCIS and recommendation from the Designated School Official (DSO).

## **FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Student Information**

- The “Student Information” section must be filled out in its entirety.
- If you do not have dependents applying for an F-2 visa under your sponsorship, you can leave the dependent information area blank.

### **Financial Certification**

- The “Bank Certification” section must be filled out completely.
- The Student, Sponsor, and Bank official signatures must be handwritten. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
- If you have more than one sponsor or account, attach an additional form with the financial certification section fully completed.
- If the bank section of the form is not completed, or if you have an additional funding source, attach a supplemental funding document. Examples include:
  - Copy of bank statement,
  - Scholarship letter,
  - Government funding support letter.

All supplemental funding documents must meet the requirements listed on the “Supplemental Financial Support Documents Requirements” section below.

Most United States Consulates or Embassies will require original copies of all financial documents, including bank statements, when you apply for an F-1 visa.

### **Documents Required along with the Financial Affidavit**

#### **Scholarship Confirmation**

- If a scholarship is being used to provide proof of finances, a letter must be submitted to along with the FSW financial affidavit form.
- The letter must include the student's full name, have a description of the award and the amount, including the period of time it will be effective. The letter must be signed by the institution representative, and be on the institution letterhead.

#### **Bank Statement**

If the “Bank Certification” section is not completed by the bank, submit the FSW financial affidavit form along with an original bank statement and/or a bank letter. The bank statement and/or bank letter must have all of the requirements listed below. If any of the following elements is missing from the bank statement or letter, the document cannot be used to issue the I-20:

- The bank statement or letter must be on institution/company letterhead.
- Must include the account holder's name. The name must be written in English and must match the student or sponsor's name as listed in the FSW Financial affidavit.
- The last four digits of the account number (if applicable).
- The type of account. The account must verify liquid assets. The type of accounts that most commonly indicate liquid assets are checking, savings, or deposit accounts.\*
- The balance at the time of issuance.
- The date of issuance. The document cannot be used for the I-20 if at the time of evaluation more than 6 months have passed from the date the document was issued.

**\*Note:** The following types of funds cannot be used for I-20 purposes: retirement accounts, property statements, investment accounts, stocks and accounts on which funds cannot be easily withdrawn, chartered accountant statements, solvency or financial capability certificates, life insurance statements, and salary statements.

**STUDENT INFORMATION: ALL FIELDS IN THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE**

**Student name (PRINT):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If your spouse or children will request an F-2 visa to come to the U.S. under your sponsorship, fill out their information below.**

Relationship(circle applicable dependent)	Family Name	Given Name	Date of Birth	Country of Birth
Wife or husband				
Son or daughter				
Son or daughter				
Son or daughter				

**FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT:** This form cannot be more than 6 months old from the date the student plans to start studies at FSW.

If you have more than one sponsor or account, attach an additional, fully completed financial certification page of this form.

- **If the bank section of this form is not completed, or if you have an additional funding source,** attach a supplemental funding document. Examples include a copy of bank statement, scholarship letter, or government funding support letter. All supplemental funding documents must meet the requirements listed on page 2 of this document.
- Most United States Consulates or Embassies will require original copies of all financial documents, including bank statements, when you apply for an F-1 visa.

**HOW TO SUBMIT THE FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT FORM**

- ATTACH a copy of your passport to this form along with all supplemental funding documents, if applicable.
- SUBMIT THIS FORM AND SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS to Florida Southwestern State College in person, by mail, or by e-mail.
  - **In person:** Submit to the Office of Admissions at Florida SouthWestern State College. E-mail [internationalstudent@fsw.edu](mailto:internationalstudent@fsw.edu) to schedule an appointment.
  - **By mail:** Mail original documents to:  
Office of Admissions, Bldg. S-117  
Florida SouthWestern State College  
Attention: International Student Admissions  
8099 College Parkway  
Fort Myers, FL 33919
  - **By e-mail:** Please send all documents from the email account that you have listed on your FSW application to the following e-mail address [internationalstudent@fsw.edu](mailto:internationalstudent@fsw.edu)

**Note:** Upon arrival to the U.S. and/or before you are allowed to register for classes you must provide the original financial documents to FSW. Failure to provide original documents will jeopardize F-1 visa status.

**If any of the required documents is incomplete, this will delay the processing of your I-20.**

## FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT FORM

**1. STUDENT CERTIFICATION:** All fields in this section must be completed.

I certify that the amount of funds at (name of the bank) _____ and listed in the "Bank Certification" section of this form are available for my academic study at Florida SouthWestern State College. I have sufficient funding to support each year of my education at FSW, including funds for my spouse and children if applicable. All of the information provided on this form is correct and complete. I will notify FSW of any change in my financial circumstances.	
<b>Student Name (PRINT):</b> _____	<b>Date of Birth:</b> _____
<b>Student Signature:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____

**2. SPONSOR CERTIFICATION:** IF THE BANK FUNDS ARE NOT IN THE STUDENT'S NAME, THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED AND ALL THE FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED.

The affidavit below must be completed by the Sponsor and must match the name of the account holder provided in the bank letter. This affidavit must be signed in the presence of a notarizing official. Documents can be notarized at most U.S. Consulates and Embassies. If you have more than one sponsor or account, attach an additional, fully completed financial certification page of this form.

Please indicate if the student will be residing in the United States with their Sponsor Yes [  ] No [  ]

<b>Please indicate your relationship to the student:</b> [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Father, [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Mother, [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Brother, [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Sister, [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Other: _____	
I hereby certify that I, _____, will be responsible for the educational and/or living expenses of _____ each year he/she is attending Florida Southwestern State College. I also certify that the total amount of money I have available for educational expenses at Florida Southwestern State College is U.S. \$ _____. I authorize the release of my supporting financial documents to verify that the promised financial resources are immediately available to me and the student. I swear and affirm that I know and understand the contents of this affidavit, signed by me, and that the statements are true and correct.	
<b>Signature of Sponsor:</b> _____	Seal of notarizing official
<b>Signature of Notarizing Official:</b> _____	
<b>Date Signed and Notarized:</b> _____	
Notary: Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ month) in the year _____.	

**3. BANK CERTIFICATION:** ALL FIELDS IN THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED. Please attach a current copy of a bank statement to this form prior to submitting.

I certify that the student and/or sponsor named on this form has full access to the funds described in this section that the funds described in this section can be withdrawn at any time, are liquid, and can be used without restriction to sponsor the education of the student named above while in the United States. This certification is given for the student's educational purpose in the United States and does not hold the bank responsible or liable.	
<b>Name of Bank:</b> _____	Official bank stamp or seal
<b>Address of Bank:</b> _____	
<b>Name of Account Holder:</b> _____	
<b>Last Four Digits on the account(s):</b> _____	
<b>Type of Account</b> _____	
<b>Amount available in US Dollars:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____	
<b>Bank official's name (PRINT):</b> _____ <b>Title:</b> _____	
<b>Bank official's signature:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____	