

## Financial Certificate for International Graduate Students

**PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:** All parts of this form must be completed by every admitted international applicant who is not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. All parts of the form must be submitted simultaneously. **Note well:** Documents proving sufficient financial support must be dated March 1 to start in August.

Fill in and print this form on white paper. Submit this completed and signed document, along with sponsor letters (if needed), bank statements, etc. in a single scanned, PDF document. As a separate attachment, include a scanned, PDF copy of your passport identification page. If you are submitting scanned, PDF copies of passport identification pages for dependents, each dependent's passport must be saved as a separate PDF.

### Part I: Biographical and Immigration Information

Z-ID

I am seeking (choose one):

Initial I-20

Transfer from U.S. School

Change of status – from outside the U.S.

Change of status – from within the U.S.

Change of education level – from bachelors

Change of education level from Masters/PC to Ph.D.

Change of level – on OPT

Other

<b>Complete Legal Name as it appears on passport</b>				<b>Date of Birth</b>
Last Name (Family/Surname):				Month   Day   Year
First/Given Name:				
Middle Name:				
<b>NIU academic program to which have been admitted</b>	<b>Degree Sought</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Country of Birth</b>	<b>Country of Citizenship</b>
	<b>Masters</b>	<b>Male</b>		
	<b>Doctoral</b>	<b>Female</b>		
	<b>Other</b>			
<b>I have accepted admission to Northern Illinois University for the:</b>				
Fall                      Spring                      of 20				
<b>Permanent address in home country</b> (Use semi colons to indicate address lines)				
<b>Telephone:</b>			<b>Email:</b>	

### Part II: Information about Dependents

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U.S. federal regulations require that applicants requesting F-1 immigration status demonstrate sufficient funds for all expenses for the entire length of their studies. The Form I-20 will be issued only after a completed certificate has been received with the requested financial documentation and after you have been offered admission. Typically, individuals admitted to Spring semester will begin receiving their I-20s in October; individuals admitted to Fall semester will begin receiving their I-20s in March.

*Step One*

**Check one of the following:**      I plan to come alone.      I plan to bring dependents [spouse and/or children] with me.

**If you checked that you plan to come alone, go to Part III.**

*Step Two*

Fill in the information below for each dependent that will accompany you to NIU. U.S. Embassies and Consulates will usually only accept a marriage certificate as proof of eligibility for a dependent visa for a spouse.

Dependent's Family Name	First/Given Name	Middle Name	Relationship to Student
City of Birth	Country of Birth	Date of Birth (MM/Day/YYYY)	Country of Citizenship

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**Check if applicable:**      Additional dependents listed on separate sheet. (Attach sheet. Use the format above.)

*Step Three*

**For each dependent, attach a copy of the passport identification page, and marriage certificate (if relevant)**

**Part III: Financial Certification Worksheet**

U.S. regulations and laws require all applicants requesting F-1 or J-1 immigration status to possess sufficient funds for all expenses for the entire length of studies. The Form I-20 will be issued only after you have been admitted and after a completed certificate (including receipt of a copy of your and any dependents' passport identification page) has been received by NIU with the requested financial documentation. After your admission, the Graduate School will inform you of the precise amount that you must possess to secure a Form I-20. The amount includes the program tuition, required health insurance, and living expenses. Regardless of any estimate that you calculate, you will be required to present evidence of the funds that the Graduate School mandates. That figure is non-negotiable.

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<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Enter Amount Available in U.S Dollars</b>
<p><b>Personal Funds</b> Name of Bank(s):</p> <p>Provide a current bank certification in English, in your name, that is signed and dated by a bank official. The certificate must be dated <b><i>no earlier than March 1 for an August start</i></b>. The bank document must be in the student's name and clearly indicate that funds are immediately available on deposit for a specific dollar amount that meets the estimated expenses required or a portion thereof.</p>	
<p><b>Parents or Other Personal Sponsors</b></p> <p>All sponsors must provide a current bank certification in English, in the sponsor's name, that is signed and dated by a bank official. The certificate must be dated <b><i>no earlier than March 1 for an August start</i></b>. The bank document must be in the sponsor's name and clearly state that funds are immediately available on deposit. The sponsor certificates must add up to the total amount of sponsorship listed.</p> <p><b>A representative of the sponsor named on the bank account must sign below to indicate their pledge to provide the specified funds to support the student in the first year of study:</b></p> <p>Sponsor 1 signature: _____ Amount of Funds in USD: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Sponsor 2 signature: _____ Amount of Funds in USD: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Sponsor 3 signature: _____ Amount of Funds in USD: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Sponsor 4 signature: _____ Amount of Funds in USD: _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p><b>Other Sponsor</b></p> <p>Name of sponsor:</p> <p>An "other" sponsor may include a private scholarship, government agency, home university, employer, etc. Provide financial documentation from the "other" sponsor with an English translation issued by an authorized person.</p>	
<p><b>University Funding</b> Check one below. <b>Attach a copy of the offer letter.</b></p> <p>I have received and accepted an assistantship offer. Name of hiring unit:</p> <p>I have received and accepted a Fellowship offer. Name of NIU Fellowship:</p> <p>I have received and accepted another form of tuition waiver. Name of waiver:</p>	

**By signing below, you affirm that the information provided herein is true and all supporting documents are accurate. You also affirm that you understand the cost of attendance will likely annually increase.**

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Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date