

ACCEPTABLE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

International Student Services requires current, valid financial documentation for the issuance of new, extended or dependent I-20's / DS-2019's.

We accept clear photocopies or scans. Documents must be less than one year old at the time of the request.

We will accept the following as financial proof:

- **Proof of Tuition Scholarship / Assistantship:** If you have an assistantship, you must submit to ISS proof of such financial support from your department. This proof must include the dates of your appointment, the total stipend amount, and whether or not you also receive a tuition scholarship and/or health insurance coverage.
- **Bank statements** verifying current account balance. Receipts from automatic teller machines do not constitute bank statements.
- **Loan Letters or Line of Credit Letters**
- **Letters from bank officials** written in English **on bank letterhead** verifying the name of the account holder and the current balance.

NOTE: If the documentation provided is not in your own name, it must be accompanied by a signed letter from the bank account holder or sponsor verifying that the documented funds are available for your studies at the University at Buffalo. A template letter is attached.

We will NOT accept the following as financial proof:

- Stock Market Statements
- Valuation Statements (Jewelry, Gold, and/or Property)
- Employer Letters and/or Salary Statements.

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Sample Letter of Financial Support

DATE

I, NAME OF SPONSOR, agree to financially support NAME OF STUDENT, for his/her tuition, fees and living expenses incurred while a student at the University at Buffalo. Attached please find my financial documents indicating the amount of funding available to NAME OF STUDENT.

If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[INCLUDE SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR]

TYPE NAME OF SPONSOR

Include sponsor's home address

Include sponsor's phone number