

**East Georgia State College
International Students
SEVIS Financial Documentation Requirements**

Visa laws require official documentation of enough money to pay all educational *and* living expenses for at least one academic year before an I-20 or a DS-2019 can be issued. (J-1 students participating in a one-semester program may document funds for just one semester.)

Financial documents must either:

- be written on professionally printed *letterhead stationery*,
 - be *signed in ink* by a bank official (Computer generated “signatures” will not be accepted.),
 - state the *type* of currency,
 - state the specific *amount* that is **currently** in the account or that the funds on deposit are greater than \$18,000 U.S. dollars, and
 - be the student’s funds or the account holder must complete the guarantor section of the SEVIS Data Form or submit a notarized affidavit of support.
 - (See sample statement on next page.)
- or**
- be a *notarized* copy of a bank statement, and
 - be the student’s funds or the account holder must submit a notarized affidavit of support.

All documents must be written in English. If documents are not available in English, the original must be submitted along with an official translation. If you are sending documentation of other types of funds (i.e. student loans, scholarships, employment letters, etc.), please fax or E-mail documents for review. If you must apply for a visa, please ask for two originals of all documents. Keep one set to take to your visa appointment. (If a visa is not required for citizens from your country, you will be required to present the financial documentation when entering the U.S.)

Financial documentation dated within the last six months is required in all these situations:

- Initial attendance
 - to apply for an F-1 (student) visa or J-1 (exchange visitor) visa or
 - to transfer your visa status from another school in the U.S.
- [\(see footnote 1 for more information\)](#)
- Extending programs at East Georgia State College
 - Program extension (if you will not complete your program by the ending date on your I-20/DS-2019)

Estimated Educational and Living Expenses Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Program of Study	Funds to be Documented by F-1 visa students
Undergraduate (Associate or Bachelor degree)	\$20,000.00

Footnotes:

1. **F-1 laws require students to leave the U.S. within 60 days and J-1 laws require students to leave within 30 days of the end of the program of study *unless the student has been admitted to and received an I-20/DS-2019 for another program, has applied for OPT, or has applied for a change of visa status.* *If you want to continue studying after your current program, apply early!* Remember, the admission process may take many months!**