

## 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!