



International Programs

International Application for Form I-20 and Certification of Financial Responsibility

IMPORTANT:

The information on the following pages explains how to become eligible for F-1 student status in the United States.

The Form I-20 is a multi-purpose document issued by a U.S. government-approved educational institution certifying that a student has been admitted to a full-time study program and has demonstrated sufficient financial resources to stay in the United States. The Form I-20 allows an individual to apply for an F-1 student visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad. You need a Form I-20 to obtain an F-1 student visa or status, or to keep lawful F-1 status when transferring or changing schools within the U.S.

Submit the requested documentation via post, fax, or email to:

International Admissions
Office of Enrollment Services
Minot State University
500 University Ave West
Minot, ND 58707, USA

Fax: +1-701-858-3888

Email:

Undergraduate and Post-Baccalaureate
admissions@minotstateu.edu

Graduate School
graduate@minotstateu.edu

The Form I-20 and Certificate of Eligibility Certifies that you have completed the following tasks:

You are, or expect to be a "bona fide" student:	You have proven sufficient financial support:	You have submitted all required documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet all requirements for admission	<input type="checkbox"/> To cover the entire cost of living and studying in the U.S. without working illegally or suffering from poverty	<input type="checkbox"/> Application for Form I-20 (pages 2-3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted into a full-time program of study		<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Statement of Financial Responsibility (page 5)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor's Affidavit of Support (page 7)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Financial support documents
		<input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of biographic page of passport

These steps must be completed at the same time as you are applying for admission to Minot State University.

INFORMATION REGARDING ACCEPTABLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your financial support can come from any combination of the following sources in the U.S. or abroad:

1. **PERSONAL FUNDS** that come from your own resources, not those of your relative.
 - a. **Savings and/or investment statement(s) in your name.** The most recent statement of balances and deposits that is available. Statements cannot be more than 2 months old at the time you submit your statements.
2. **FUNDS FROM "SPONSORS"** (parents, relatives, friends). Unless you have sufficient funds to support yourself for your entire program of study, you will need a sponsor with an income sufficient to support you. You may have as many sponsors as you need.
 - a. **FINANCIAL SPONSOR(S) AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT (page 7 of this packet).**
 - i. This form may be photocopied for each sponsor. **All** questions must be answered.

AND

- b. **DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE.** (instructions on page 6)
 - i. **Savings, investment, retirement or education fund statement(s)**
3. **OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING** such as scholarships, graduate assistantships, loans or other sources.
 - a. **COPY OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTER, GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP CONTRACT OR LOAN TERMS** stating exactly what you will be receiving and for how long.
 - b. **Minot State academic scholarships cannot be used towards proof of financial support.**

DOCUMENTS THAT CANNOT BE USED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL EVIDENCE:

1. Discretionary income
 - a. We will **not** accept tax returns, pay stubs or letters of employment
2. Business income
 - a. Bank statements/letters must be for an individual and **cannot be under a business name**, even if the individual is self employed
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Application for Form I-20

PART I: Personal Information* (*required field)

1. **Gender*** Male Female (Please check one) 2. **Birthdate*** _____ / ____ / _____ (month/dd/yyyy)

3. **Enter your name exactly as shown on your country's passport.*** *Attach a copy of your passport to confirm your name.*

 Family (Last) Name First (Given) Name Middle Name(s)

4. **Your permanent, physical address in your home country. Postal boxes are not accepted.***

 Number and Street (Physical Address - No PO Boxes)

 City State/Province Country Postal Code

5. **Address in the United States (if known).** *This information is required for students transferring to Minot State from within the U.S.*

 Number and Street

 City State/Province Country Postal Code

6. **Email*** _____

7. **Telephone*** _____ 8. **Country of Birth*** _____ 9. **City of Birth*** _____

10. **Country of Citizenship*** _____ 11. **Country of Permanent Residence*** _____

12. **Will you be attending Minot State as an athlete?** Yes No *If yes, in what sport will you be participating?*

- Basketball Hockey Wrestling Track & Field Cross Country Golf
- Baseball Football Softball Volleyball (women's) Soccer (women's)

13. **Dependents:** A student wishing to have their family member(s) accompany them must document the following additional amounts for each family member per academic year of intended study:

Spouse: \$14,500; first child: \$6,580; each additional child: \$4,800.

No. I plan to come without dependents

Yes. The following dependents will accompany me (list names and relationships)

Please attach a copy of dependent's passport biography page to confirm name.

Family (Last) Name	First (Given) Name	Birthdate <small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>	Country of Birth	Relation to you <small>(spouse, child)</small>
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PART II: If you are in the United States now, complete this section. If not, continue to Part III.

14. What is your current visa Status?*

F-1 **What is your SEVIS ID Number?** _____

If you are currently in F-1 student status, be sure to include the F-1 Transfer Clearance Form in your application.

If not F-1, what is your current visa status? _____

15. Do you plan to travel outside the U.S. before school starts?* **No** **Yes** **Dates:** _____

PART III: If you are not currently in the U.S, complete this section.

16. Have you ever attended school in the U.S in F-1 student status?* **Yes** **No**

a. If yes, what was the last date of attendance? _____

If you attended a U.S. school last term and are just home on holiday between academic terms, you are considered a "School Transfer" and need to have your SEVIS record transferred to Minot State before your new Form I-20 may be issued. Please send the international student advisor at your previous school the Minot State Transfer Clearance Form immediately to authorize the release of your SEVIS record to us.

PART IV: Delivery of the I-20*

Minot State University will email a PDF of the I-20, via a secure platform, ONLY to the STUDENT'S EMAIL, as provided on page 2. This email must match the email provided on the admission application.

Your Annual Estimate of Expenses for International Students (2021-2022)

*This is a modest, "no extras" budget that does not include luxuries of any kind.
It is highly recommended that you budget at least 10% more than the figures provided below.*

	Undergraduate:	Graduate:
Tuition and Required Fees	\$8,163	\$10,263
<i>- Full-time=9 credit hours/semester for graduate students</i>		
<i>- Full-time=12 credit hours/semester for undergraduate students</i>		
Mandatory Health/Accident Insurance Coverage	\$2,116	\$2,116
<i>12 months of coverage. This fee is non-negotiable.</i>		
Housing and Food	\$6,892	\$6,892
<i>This is based on the average cost of a shared room in a residential hall with a 19 meal per week plan</i>		
International Student Fee	\$150	\$150
Books and Supplies	\$1,100	\$1,100
Local transportation	\$1,232	\$1,232
<i>Travel to and from your country, or the costs of owning a car are additional expenses.</i>		
Misc. (personal items, clothing)	+\$2,356	+\$2,356
Total Required University & Living Costs: <small>(this amount cannot be customized)</small>	\$22,009	\$24,109

WORKSHEET: YOUR ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS

YOUR REQUIRED UNIVERSITY & LIVING COSTS <i>(appropriate amount from the top section):</i>	Undergraduate \$22,009	Graduate \$24,109
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YOUR ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT COSTS *(if any):*

Dependent Costs:

If you are going to be accompanied by a spouse or child, you must show additional evidence of financial capability to cover their expenses during the academic year in the following amount:

- \$14,500 annually for your spouse
- \$6,580 for your first child
- \$4,800 each additional child

+ \$ _____

YOUR TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS:

\$	USD*
(minimum required \$22,009/\$24,109)	

****This is the minimum amount of guaranteed funds you must document in order to be issued a Form I-20. Portions of this amount cannot be removed to create a lower amount, even if you are living off campus. Financial proof of the full amount is required by the federal government.***

On-campus employment is extremely limited and competitive, and off-campus employment is strictly controlled by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Expect annual increases of approximately 10% each year.



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Student's Statement of Financial Responsibility

Sources of Funding* (*required field)	Amount provided to the Student annually while attending Minot State (in US dollars)*
Personal Funds <i>(Enclose personal bank statement)</i>	\$ USD
Cash Funds for a 1 st Sponsor. <i>(Enclose financial documents and "Affidavit of Support")</i> Sponsor's Name: _____	\$ USD
Cash Funds for a 2 nd Sponsor. <i>(Enclose financial documents and "Affidavit of Support")</i> Sponsor's Name: _____	\$ USD
Other sources of funding. <i>Scholarships/Loans/Other (Enclose supporting documentation)</i> Specify Source: _____	\$ USD
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Total amount available to me every year of study. Add the above amounts and list total in this box. This amount must be the same or more than your minimum annual costs listed on the previous page.	TOTAL: \$ USD* (minimum required \$22,009/\$24,109)

The following supporting documentation is attached:

My personal financial evidence supporting documents: Savings account or investment statements

Sponsors documents: Affidavit of Support

Financial Evidence supporting documents must be:

1. Less than two months old at the time of submission of documents.
2. In English.
3. Photocopies or faxes, not originals.

(Keep the originals of documents you have sent us to take with you for entry into the U.S.)

Bank Letter/Statement of Savings Investments/Retirement/Education Funds

Other sources of funding: Award letter(s) Copy of contract(s) Other relevant documentation

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Student's certification

I certify that the information provided above is complete and correct and that I have attached the required supporting documentation. My signature below indicates that I understand that I am responsible for all tuition, fees, and living expenses that I incur during my attendance at Minot State. I further understand that with the exception of any scholarship or assistantship already offered to me by the university, I do not expect Minot State to provide me with financial assistance or employment.

If I am granted admission, I agree to be informed and knowledgeable about the United States federal regulations pertaining to international students and to comply with all relevant laws.

Student's Signature* _____ Date* _____

Student's Printed Name* _____



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Financial Sponsor's Affidavit of Support

WHAT DOES THIS AFFIDAVIT MEAN?

By completing this affidavit, you are swearing to the U.S. government that you will provide this student with a specific amount of money from your own financial resources *for every year* the student is going to study at Minot State University and live in the U.S. You are also proving that you can afford the support you are promising with the documents you have attached.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

- Fill this form out completely in English. *Promise only the amount of money you are able to give.*
- Attach documents that provide evidence of support

ALL DOCUMENTATION YOU PROVIDE US MUST BE:

1. **Less than two months old at the time of submission of documents.**
2. **In English.**
3. **Photocopies or faxes, *not originals.*** (The student will need originals for their entry into the U.S.)

DOCUMENTS THAT PROVIDE FINANCIAL EVIDENCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE:

Savings, investment, retirement or education fund statement(s)

- a. The most recent statement that is available, which shows balances and deposits.
- b. If the statement is in the name of more than one person (example: husband and wife), each individual must sign the affidavit of support.

EXAMPLES OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL EVIDENCE OPTIONS

A combination of examples could be used if needed to meet the required amount.

EXAMPLE #1	EXAMPLE #2
Bank Statement/Bank Letter	Investments/Retirement/Education Funds <i>proving liquid assets</i> <i>(does not include land, equipment, livestock, rental/lease properties, etc.)</i>
provide a statement less than 2 months old	provide statement less than 2 months old
includes institution name/logo	includes institution name/logo
includes sponsor(s) name	includes sponsor(s) name
shows balance of available funds	shows balance of available funds
shows currency	shows currency
in English or translated documents	in English or translated documents

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Financial Sponsor's Affidavit of Support

This is to certify that I, the sponsor, _____, will provide funds
(Sponsors' printed names)
in the amount of no less than U.S. \$ _____ in support of _____
(Full name of student)
for their tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and personal expenditures for every year of the student's program of study at Minot State University.

My relationship to the student is _____
Parent, spouse, brother/sister, friend, etc.

My Address is:

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I certify that the information I have provided above is true and correct and that financial statements are attached. (Statements under joint accounts require signatures from all parties listed on the account.)

Signature of Sponsor #1*

Signature of Sponsor #2

Today's Date

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