

Guidelines for Submitting Proof of Financial Support

The U.S. government requires that all international applicants provide proof of ability to pay tuition and living expenses for themselves and their dependents (if applicable) before an I-20 can be issued.

Requirements for All Financial Documents

- Current date (no earlier than one year before the start of your first term)
- Account holder's name
 - Documents for banks, scholarships, etc. must be on official letterhead and include signature/stamp of an administrative officer or official.
- Must state the available final balance/total scholarship amount
- Certified, professional translations for all financial documents **not** issued in English
- If account holder is someone other than student, include Sponsorship letter OR Affidavit of Support. The letter must state the account holder's and student's name, current date, and relationship between student and sponsor.

Types of Financial Support that are Normally Accepted *

- Bank letters/statements from savings and checking accounts (if a monthly bank statement is provided, only the closing balance of the most recent date will be counted)
- Funds in investment accounts
- **Approved** educational loans
- Employer and government sponsorships/scholarships
- Pepperdine scholarships/fellowships

Types of Financial Support that are NOT Accepted *

- Tax returns
- Salary/Payroll statements
- Chartered Accountant portfolio
- Pending or provisional educational loans or scholarship documents
- Retirement funds, pension, life insurance policies
- Investments in fixed assets such as property, mortgages, automobiles, etc.

*** These are the most commonly submitted documents. The Office of International Student Services will make the final determination as to what constitutes an acceptable financial statement.**