

Instructions

For International Students Only:

Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support

Who is considered an international student?

At USC, an international student is an individual of foreign nationality who will be entering, or has already entered, the United States with a student visa. Students already living in the United States and holding other non-immigrant visas (for example, an E2, H2 or L2) are also considered international students.

On the application for admission, please write your name as it appears on your passport and/or your I-20 or DS-2019. If the name on your school record is different, enter that name in the field provided. As an international student, you must provide a valid address outside the United States that is not a P.O. box, even if your current mailing address is in the United States. Please submit a copy of your current passport together with this form.

What documentation is required?

International students are required to submit the Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support to the address listed in the footer of this form. The United States government requires all international applicants to provide proof of ability to pay tuition and living expenses before USC can issue a formal letter of admission and the forms required to obtain a visa.

International students do not qualify for need-based financial aid. The financial support document, stating your ability to pay for the first academic year of tuition and expenses, must be verified by a bank and dated within the last year. Applicants relying on support from their home government or other official agency must send USC a similarly appropriate financial support document from their sponsor. It is crucial for applicants to submit their financial support documents with their applications if they wish to receive notification of admission in a timely manner. ⁽¹⁾

Please be aware that international students will not be able to pay for the full amount of their educational expenses by working while they are in the United States. U.S. government regulations strictly limit employment authorization and require holders of student visas to be full-time students; therefore, job opportunities are extremely limited.

Financial Statement Checklist

- ☒ This signed form
- ☒ Proof of sufficient funds (see acceptable documents list)
- ☒ Copy of current passport

Acceptable documents:

- Bank statement
- Bank letter
- Organizational sponsor (government, corporate, etc.)
- Loans
- Investment portfolio

Documents must be dated August 2022 or later.

Documents NOT typically accepted:

- Tax returns
- Tax documents in general
- Mortgages
- Employment or salary statements
- Property (real estate, jewelry, automobiles, etc.) valuations
- Life insurance
- Retirement accounts

Academic-Year Expense Estimate (Nine Months)*

Tuition	\$66,640
Mandatory Fees	\$1,597
Housing	\$11,910
Dining/Meals	\$7,290
Books and supplies	\$1,200
Personal and miscellaneous expenses	\$1,820
Transportation	\$464
Total	\$90,921 ⁽¹⁾

(Add \$450 New Student Fee to your first semester.)

*This is an estimated budget for the academic year 2023-2024. **Costs for the 2024-2025 academic year are expected to increase. Students should check the Financial Aid website in March 2024 for updated figures.** This is considered a moderate budget. Individual expenses will vary; however, applicants must show proof of financial support for the amount of \$90,921 for one year of study.

Notes:

- 1 Financial support documentation can include proof of non-USC scholarships and/or government support. (Government sponsorship letters are acceptable.) Please do NOT include USC scholarships.
- 2 Tuition costs are based on 12 to 18 undergraduate units per semester. Additional laboratory and equipment fees may be assessed, depending on the student's course of study. Summer fees are not included.

Please visit admission.usc.edu/internationalstudents for additional information.