LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP and AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

Prospective students coming to Canada typically have various sources of funds to support their intended program in Canada. Most students are sponsored by parents, relatives, friends, employers while others sponsor themselves.

Proof of funds is a crucial eligibility requirement for a study permit application. Therefore, it is important to ensure that adequate information is provided to satisfy the immigration officer on your relationship with the sponsor and their ability to sponsor your education in Canada.

What information should be included in a sponsorship letter for a Canadian Study Permit?

A sponsorship letter should typically contain the following information;

- 1) Introduction of sponsor
- 2) Description of relationship of with the sponsor
- 3) Reason for sponsorship
- 4) Amount of Sponsorship funds and length of sponsorship
- 5) Source of Sponsorship funds. Bank statement of previous 4-6 months, Income tax certificate, salary slip or any other document which proof the financial stability of sponsor
- 6) Where the funds are currently held
- 7) Your expectations as a result of the sponsorship
- 8) Contact information and how your sponsor can be reached.

LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP FORMAT

1)	(Your Sponsors Address)
	The Visa Officer, CDHC (In full), Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
	Dear Sir,
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	This is to confirm that(your name) is my(relationship)He intends to proceed to Canada to pursue graduate studies in(course) at the University of, commencing September 2019.
	I wish to inform you that I am his sponsor and shall be responsible for his tuition fee, accommodation, feeding, medical insurance, transportation and all other expenses whatsoever needed for successful completion of his studies.
	I currently work as (position) at(Company name)on a permanent basis (If self-employed state otherwise), I am single/married with(your name) as my only dependent. / With my wife and (no of kids, with age) as my other dependents.
	Attached are documents indicating my financial stability and saving. Should you require further information do not hesitate to contact me.
	Looking forward to your positive consideration of his application
	Yours Sincerely,
	(Sponsor Signature) (Sponsors Name)

189 W. Main St.	
Newark, DE 19716	
USA	
To Whom It May Concern:	
Date:	
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Student name:	
Sponsor name:	
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Sponsor's relationship to the student:	
I agree to pay all expenses for the above-named student at the University of Delaware English Language Institute. This sponsorship includes, but is not limited to, tuition, books, health insurance, room, and food.	,
I have attached my bank statement to show that I have sufficient financial resources to cover the expenses for the program.	er
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by using the contact information listed above.	
Sincerely,	
(Sponsor's signature above must be handwritten)	

2) University of Delaware English Language Institute

Sponsor's address:
Sponsor's city and postal code:
Sponsor's country:
Sponsor's phone number:
Sponsor's e-mail address:
3) 100 Example Street Toronto, ON S9E 9C3
October 01, 2011
The Visa Officer
Canadian Embassy, [City, Country]
Re: Financial Support for (Your name)
Dear Sir / Madam:
This is to confirm that I, John Doe, am the maternal uncle of (your name) and that I will financially support her during the entire period of her stay in Canada. This includes her travelling, lodging, tuition and all kinds of his/her expenses in Canada. She/he is intending to pursue her studies in Fine Arts at the Humber College Toronto.

I am a permanent resident of Canada having annual income of 78,000/- CAD. I am contented to act as financial sponsor for my niece whilst she stay in the Canada. Please refer to original documents attached including my bank statement, income tax returns, and salary slips. These documents clearly show my financial stability and savings.

In case of any query please contact me on my cell at (999) 999-9999.
Sincerely,
(Signature) John Doe
Enc.

- Bank Statement
- Income Tax Returns
- Salary Slips

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

Affidavit of Support is a contract an individual signs agreeing to use their financial resources to support the intending immigrant named on the affidavit. The sponsor is usually the petitioner who filed an immigrant petition on behalf of the intending immigrant. The relationship certificate is issued and verified by the notary. The sample format can be different from country to country as the template is available at various High-court in your country

SAMPLE FORMAT

IN THE HIGH COURT GUSAU, ZAMFARA (Middle)

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

- I, Malam Dongo Aniete, Male, Nigerian, residing at 3 Emeka road, Gusau. hereby solemnly swear an oath as follows;
- 1) That I am the above named person
- 2) That Dongo Kunle is my son/brother/daughter/cousin/niece/nephew
- 3) That I am his sponsor
- 4) That he intends to proceed to Canada for purpose of studies
- 5) That I shall be responsible for his Tuition, accommodation etc
- 6) That I currently work with Dantata group of company on a permanent basis / Selfemployed
- 7) That he is my only dependent / That my wife and son/daughter (with age), are my other dependents.

- 6) That he would not be a liability to government of Canada.
- 7) That he would return to Nigeria after his studies ... bla bla bla
- 8) That this affidavit is sworn to in good faith believing all to be true to the best of my knowledge and in accordance with the oath act

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Deponent

(Right hand side)

Sworn to at the high court

Gusau Zamfara State.

Dated this 10th day of June 2019

Before me

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Commissioner of Oaths

(Middle)

NOTE:

- 1. Anybody can choose to sponsor you but you stand a better chance with a 3rd party/company sponsorship when they have committed funds to your study as well as proven relationship to you. The sponsorship letters should tell visa officers where the funds is coming from and why they decided to sponsor you.
- 2. Funds to be filled in the application form should be for one year. You must also show means of funds for the second year if your program is more than a year. Also, if you are self-sponsored and have all the funds for the duration of your program (1 or 2 years) you can fill the equivalent in the available funds section.
- 3. Endeavour to use an affidavit of sponsorship if you are using a 3rd party sponsorship. Relatives and family members are mostly reliable sponsors because there is some kind of

blood connection and your overall academic pursuit will bring some advantage or pride to them when they sponsor you. The overall interest of a person willingly sponsoring you must somehow be seen in your application. People put their money where their heart or interest is.

- 4. Make sure you don't submit a statement of account that doesn't have traceable source(s) of accumulated funds. The 6 months SOA required by CIC is most LIKELY to quantify and ascertain how funds available were accumulated and if funds will be generated for subsequent year(s) once program is more than a year.
- 5. After your purpose of visit is in-check and convincing, the next most important thing is the funds for your study. You must convince officers that indeed, you will have the funds that you have declared. This is really IMPORTANT. People who get refused a study permit even when they have huge amount of funds to show didn't meet other requirement of a study permit and PURPOSE OF VISIT is usually and often time the main issue.

Finally, Choose programs and school you and your sponsor can afford. It is one thing to be admitted to a program and it is another to prove to Canadian immigration officers that you can meet the challenges of studying in Canada without a recourse to their government in whatsoever capacity. They want to make sure they discourage the idea of you working to fund your studies as they expect international students to invest funds in their economy while they make same economy very attractive to foreign students with good incentives. It's a give and take situation.