



FINANCIAL SUPPORT CRITERIA

JSU Global International Student and Scholar Services Office issues I-20 and DS-2019 Certificates of Eligibility to prospective students and scholars, we are required to verify that each individual has sufficient funds to cover their education and period of stay in the United States. **To obtain your I-20 or DS-2019** in a timely manner, follow the guidelines below when submitting your request for a new or extension document:

Acceptable Proof of Funds

Personal funds:

Bank statements in your name showing balance of account which:

- indicates the financial institution's name
- indicates the account holder's name
- clearly show the account balance in U.S. dollars
- be dated within the past 3 months (older statements will not be accepted),
- be translated into English (especially names) *translations with disclaimer are accepted*

Private sponsors: including parents (must include both of the following):

- **Notarized Affidavit of Support:** Individual Sponsor not a U.S. Citizen or;
- **I-134 Affidavit of Support Form:** Individual Sponsor U.S Citizen and;
- the sponsor's bank or other financial statements
- letter(s) indicating the relationship between you and the sponsor(s), the amount of support and the length of support

Jackson State University Awards (*scholarships, grants etc*) must

- be printed on OFFICIAL JSU letterhead
- indicate the amount and length of support
- be signed by the sponsoring department

Other institutional support/award letters:

- Letter from an employer or another institution on OFFICIAL business letterhead including a signature showing amount and length of support

IMPORTANT: The following types of funding are NOT accepted:

- Documents older than 3 months
- Income or salary statements
- Funds that are not immediately accessible
- Assets that are not in liquidated form (house, car, etc)
- Life insurance policy statements
- Pension funds
- Tax return forms or documents

For J-1 Scholars Only

Scholars are required to document at least \$1,600 per month, plus \$500/month for a spouse, and \$200/month per child.

Submitting / Resubmitting Documents

Make sure all supporting documents are included with your request before you submit them to our office. Missing or separate documents will only slow down the process. Your Certificate of Eligibility (I-20/DS-2019) documents cannot be processed until all proof of funding documents are received.