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International Student Application for Financial Assistance 2027-2028

Instructions for Completing the International Student Application for Financial Assistance.

The International Student Application for Financial Assistance is designed to gather information from international students who are applying for financial aid at colleges/universities in the United States or higher education institutions that have agreed to accept this form. When completing the application, it is important to:

- Note that this form is only for non-US citizens/permanent residents.
- Answer all questions that apply to you and your family.
- Convert all currency figures to US dollars (US $) before entering them on the form.
- **Return the form directly to the college/university that provided or requested it.**

Some of the questions on the International Student Application for Financial Assistance are self-explanatory; the instructions that follow are only provided for questions that may need further explanation.

Section A—Student's Information

Section B—Student's Citizenship

These sections pertain to the student who is applying for aid.

Section C—Family Information

On this application, "parents" means the custodial parent(s)—the parent or parents (or legal guardian) with whom the student lives. If the student's biological or adoptive parents are divorced or separated, the custodial parent(s) are the parent or parents with whom the student has lived the most during the 12 months prior to filling the application. If the custodial parent has remarried, "parents" includes the student's biological/adoptive parent and stepparent.

Section D—College/University/Program Information

Section E—Income

Most colleges/universities require you to submit documentation to verify information on this form. Check with the colleges/universities to determine their requirements.

Section F—Property and Assets

Property and assets information pertains to the parents/legal guardians, or to the student and the student's family if the student is married and lives independently of the parents/legal guardians.

Write in the value of property and assets and, where asked, any debt against the asset as of the time you complete this application.

Section G—Expenses

Write in the annual amount your household (parents/legal guardians/siblings/elderly members) spent on the items listed. If you do not know the actual amount, please estimate.

This form can be completed online and downloaded or printed once completed, or you may download and complete it in Adobe Acrobat and then print it if you so choose. Please remember to save your form as you work. You may also print the form and complete it in writing. Please check with the colleges/universities to which you are applying about the format in which you should submit the completed form to them.

Section A—Student's Information

1. Your full legal name:

_____ _____

Family Name (Surname/Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Should match all relevant legal documents.

_____

Middle Name

Preferred Name: _____

2. Your permanent address: _____

_____

3. Your email address: _____

4. Your phone number: _____

5. Your current mailing address (if different from above):

_____

_____

6. Your date of birth:

_____ _____ _____

Month Day Year

7. Place of Birth (Country): _____

8. When do you expect to begin your studies at this college/university?

_____ _____

Month Year

Will you be:

- ○ Attending a college/university?
- ○ Transferring from another college/university for the first time?
- ○ A returning student?

9. Your marital status

- ◉ Not married
- ○ Married/In a domestic partnership

Do you have legal dependents (not including your spouse/ partner)?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If so, how many legal dependents do you have? _____

Section B—Student's Citizenship

10. Country where you live: _____

11. Country(ies) of citizenship (or Stateless, if applicable): _____

12. Citizenship Status

- ○ Citizen
- ○ Permanent or Conditional Resident
- ◉ Undocumented
- ○ Other (Please explain): _____

13. Are you a refugee or currently displaced student? If so, please describe your current situation.

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Section C—Family Information (Parents or Legal Guardians)

(Person(s) legally financially responsible for the student's care)

14. What is your parents'/legal guardians' current marital status? (Mark only one box.)

- ◉ Married or in a domestic relationship
- ○ Separated/Divorced
- ○ Widowed
- ○ Never married

15. Parent/Legal Guardian 1's Name

_____ _____
Family (surname) Given (first)
Relationship: _____

a. Age: _____
b. Address: _____
_____
c. Employment Status: Parent/Legal Guardian 1
- ○ formal employment
- ○ self-employed
- ○ retired
- ○ unemployed temporary
- ○ unemployed no regular income available

d. Occupation/Title: _____
e. Employer: _____
f. Number of years with employer: _____

16. Parent/Legal Guardian 2's Name (if applicable)

_____ _____
Family (surname) Given (first)
Relationship: _____

a. Age: _____
b. Address: _____
_____
c. Employment Status: Parent/Legal Guardian 2
- ○ formal employment
- ○ self-employed
- ○ retired
- ○ unemployed temporary
- ○ unemployed no regular income available

d. Occupation/Title: _____
e. Employer: _____
f. Number of years with employer: _____

16. Provide brief explanation of parents'/legal guardians' work: _____
_____

17. How many people, including yourself, depend on the income of your parents/legal guardians for daily living expenses? (Write in the number of people who live in your parents' household and are supported by their income.): _____

18. Family Member Listing. Provide information for all family members who are currently in school or college/university. (Complete all parts of this question. Include family members counted as your dependents in question 9 and/or counted as your parents' dependents in question 18.)

Full Name of Family Member	Age	Educational information 2026-2027							Educational information 2027-2028		
		Relationship to you	Name of school or college	Year in school or college	Tuition and fees	Room and board	Scholarships and gift aid	Amounts of parents' contribution	Name of school or college	Total cost	Amount of parents'/guardians' contribution

Section C—Family Information (Parents or Legal Guardians) (continued)

20. Use this space to explain any unusual expenses, other debts, or special circumstances that the institution should consider when it is deciding how much financial aid, if any, you will receive. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary. _____

21. Please specify any barriers or challenges you face in providing supplementary documentation to demonstrate income values, banking records, business values, etc. _____
_____

22. Additional Information
_____
_____

23. Select circumstances with ongoing financial impact that apply to your family.

- ☐ Change in employment
- ☐ Scholarship or sponsor
- ☐ Eldercare expenses
- ☐ Other
- ☐ COVID-19 pandemic
- ☐ Exceptional medical or dental expenses
- ☐ Catastrophic event or natural disaster
- ☐ None

Section D—College/University/Program Information

24. Housing Plans: ○ On Campus ○ Off Campus ○ Undecided
25. Admission: ○ Early Decision ○ Early Action ○ Regular Decision

Section E—Income

26. What documentation will you be providing to verify income and asset information requested on this form? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Tax forms
- ☐ Statement from employer
- ☐ Payslip
- ☐ Affidavit verifying informal sector earnings
- ☐ Other (specify — for example, bank statement)

27. What is the official exchange rate of your country's currency to the US $ today? (USE THIS RATE FOR ALL CALCULATIONS ON THIS FORM)
(for example, 3,100 pesos = US $1) _____= US $1

27a. What is today's date? _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

28. Does your government currently impose restrictions on the exchange and release of funds for study in the United States? ○ Yes ○ No
If yes, describe restrictions: _____

29. Do you have a source of emergency funds once you arrive in the United States?
○ Yes ○ No
If yes, name source: _____
Amount available in US $: _____

Section E—Income (continued)

30. Do you have a source of funding to cover your air transportation to the United States?
○ Yes ○ No ○ Maybe
Please name source (e.g., parents' income, sponsor, or you will not be able to pay, etc.): _____

31. During 2025, how much of your household income (before taxes or expenses) came from the following sources (in US $)?

a. Parent/Legal Guardian 1 work	US $_____	h. Other adult members of household	US $_____
b. Parent/Legal Guardian 2 work	US $_____	i. Interest or dividends	US $_____
c. Your work	US $_____	j. Housing, food, other living allowances	US $_____
d. Your spouse's work	US $_____	k. Assistance from government or	
e. Family business	US $_____	international agency (UNHCR, FAO, etc)	US $_____
f. Rent from family real estate holdings	US $_____	l. Family pension	US $_____
g. Pension/annuity/retirement	US $_____	m. Other (explain)	US $_____

32. Does Parent/Legal Guardian 1 have a retirement/pension account? ○ Yes ○ No
If No, does the government provide funding upon retirement? ○ Yes ○ No

33. Does Parent/Legal Guardian 2 have a retirement/pension account? ○ Yes ○ No
If No, does the government provide funding upon retirement? ○ Yes ○ No

34. Will there be a significant increase or decrease in your family's income next year?
○ Yes ○ No
If yes, explain: _____

Section F—Property and Assets

(Most colleges/universities require you to submit documentation to verify information on this form. Check with the college/university to determine its requirements.)

35. Do your parents/legal guardians have a bank account? ○ Yes ○ No

36. Does your parents/legal guardians own their home? ○ Yes ○ No
(If Yes, complete 36a–36d below.)
a. What year was it purchased or built? _____
b. What was the original purchase price or cost to build? US $_____
c. How much does your family still owe on the purchase price? US $_____
d. What is the present market value (if known)? US $_____
e. If your home was not purchased/built, how was it obtained: _____

37. Does your family own a business? ○ Yes ○ No (If Yes, complete 36a–36d below.)
a. Date business commenced: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)
b. Your parents' share of business value: _____
c. Type of business: _____
d. Your parents' share of business indebtedness: _____

Section F—Property and Assets (continued)

37. Please list the value of the following family assets in US Dollars (if applicable):

a. Land and buildings (other than home or business): _____

Indebtedness on land and buildings: _____

b. Savings: _____

c. Investments (such as stocks and bonds)

d. Assets owned by student (in excess of US $100): _____

e. Money owed to family by others: _____

f. Repayment (of 37e) expected this year: _____

g. Other (jewelry, artwork, antiques, etc.): _____

38. Do you or your family have money, property, or assets in another country (other than the student's country of residence)?

◯ Yes ◯ No (If Yes, complete the grid below. Include amounts in 37 above.)

	US US $ Value	In which country(ies)?	Asset owner
Money			
Property			
Assets			

39. Do you or your family own (an) automobile(s)? ◯ Yes ◯ No

(If yes, complete 39a and 39b below for each automobile.)

a. Make (VW, Fiat, Ford, Toyota, etc.): _____ b. Year of manufacture: _____

Section G—Expenses

40. How much did your family spend on the following expenses during 2025? SPECIFIC AMOUNTS ARE NEEDED. (Write in the annual amount in US DOLLARS your family spent on the items listed. If you do not know the actual amount, please estimate.)

Rent or mortgage: US $_____

Utilities: US $_____

Food: US $_____

Clothing: US $_____

Household necessities: US $_____

Standard Annual Care Medical expenses: US $_____

Supplemental Emergency Medical expenses: US $_____

Educational expenses: US $_____

Loan payments: US $_____

Taxes: US $_____

Public Transportation expenses: US $_____

Care for relatives: US $_____

Amount allocated to savings/retirement: US $_____

Automobile maintenance: US $_____

Insurance (health and property): US $_____

Entertainment/Vacation: US $_____

Household Staff: US $_____

Other: US $_____

Please explain: _____

_____

_____

41. How much money does your family owe to other people or to financial institutions? US $_____

Amount paid on debt in 2025: US $_____ Reason for debt: _____

42. Does your family employ other people?

If yes, how many in the home? _____ In the family business? _____

Section G—Sources of Financial Support

43. Enter the expected amount of anticipated annual support toward your educational costs from the sources listed below (in US $):

Source	**2027-2028**	**2028-2029**	**2029-2030**	**2030-2031**
Student's earnings/assets				
Family's earnings/assets				
Other sources of outside funding				

Additional Information
If there is any additional information about your financial situation not already captured in this form that would be helpful to assess your financial need, please add it here.

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_____
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Section H—Certification and Authorization

We declare that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete. The college/university has our permission to verify the information reported by obtaining documentation as needed.

WARNING: Providing false information may jeopardize a student's visa status and furthermore may result in a college/university revoking its initial decision to enroll the student.

_____
Student's Signature

_____
Parent/Legal Guardian 1's Signature

_____
Parent's/Legal Guardian 2's Signature (If Applicable)

Date Completed: _____