



THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

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Dear student and sponsor:

We are excited about your admission to The University of Southern Mississippi! We want to ensure you understand the financial responsibility requirements for students interested in joining our institution.

A Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) will not be issued until this form is completed and approved by the institution. To receive the Certificate of Eligibility, you must submit financial documents that are written in English or are accompanied by a notarized English translation showing available liquid funds equal to, or exceeding, the amount listed on the Estimated Cost of Attendance. Proof of funding is required for the first year only; but it is expected sponsor funding will continue for the duration of the student’s program of study.

By signing below, you agree to the following statements:

- I have reviewed the [Estimated Average Cost of Attendance](#) and agree I will provide financial support so long as the student is enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi. Financial support will meet or exceed the costs for tuition and mandatory student fees, mandatory health insurance, room and board, and other personal living expenses for nine months (fall and spring semesters). I also understand that estimated expenses are subject to change without notification.
- I certify all information contained within the financial support documents are true and accurate and the documented funds are available for education and personal expenses of the student while studying at The University of Southern Mississippi.
- I understand the submission of false or inaccurate information can be grounds to terminate an application or rescind admission.
- I will notify the university immediately of any changes in the financial circumstances of the student and/or the sponsor.
- I certify if restrictions exist regarding the transfer of funds from my home country to the United States, I have fully investigated them and am aware of the procedures I must follow to remit payment by the dates due at the institution.
- Financial assistance is limited for international students. Do not expect student employment as a means to cover required expenses unless you have received a graduate assistantship offer with your graduate admission.

X _____
Student Signature

Date

X _____
Sponsor Signature

Date



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Please print or type the following information:

Student Name: _____
First/Given Name Last/Surname

Sponsor Name: _____
First/Given Name Last/Surname

Sponsor Address: _____
Street Address

City State/Province Country Postal Code

Sponsor's Occupation: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Student: _____

Graduate Assistantship or scholarship has been accepted by student: Yes No

If yes, please submit copy of the letter. ALL students must read and sign statements on the form, regardless of funding amount awarded and sponsorship information can be left blank.

Declaration of student: I have reviewed the [estimated budget](#) for an international student. I understand the Department of State (DOS), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) require I show proof to The University of Southern Mississippi of my financial ability to pay these expenses. I also understand I am required by law to show proof of finances to cover, at least, my first year of study. In addition, I may need to provide updated proof of adequate funding in the event of a change to my anticipated program dates or scholarship. I understand that if I cannot meet my financial obligations to the University, or if it becomes evident that I have given false information in this Affidavit of Support, I may be withdrawn from school.

X _____
Student Signature Date

Declaration of sponsor: I have reviewed the [estimated budget](#) for an international student. I agree to financially support the above-named student for a period of [please check one]:
 4 years (Bachelor's); 2 years (Master's); 5 years (Doctoral) for the required fees per year.

X _____
Sponsor Signature Date

Evidence of financial support must be attached to the affidavit. A statement must be submitted from the bank or financial institution in which the sponsor has their financial accounts. This information should be on letterhead with the bank information included, the account holder listed, and the total of the available funds. ALL funding for two semesters of study must be currently available. These documents must be dated within the **three** months immediately preceding the document being signed.

Income tax statements, certificates of deposit, investment accounts that are not readily accessible, proof of property ownership, and statements of employment are NOT acceptable as evidence of the availability of funds.

Please read and sign to confirm that you understand the following statements:

The [estimated cost of study](#) reflects the average costs of studying and living (9 months) at The University of Southern Mississippi. Actual amounts can differ based upon choices made about housing and spending habits. This estimate does NOT include the cost of living or studying in Hattiesburg during the summer semester or winter break period. Information about USM Cost of Attendance is available at: <https://www.usm.edu/financial-aid/cost-attendance.php>

Each student, even those with full assistantships or scholarships, should arrive on campus with at least \$1,300.00 USD in cash, or a check/bank draft made out to the student, to cover initial personal expenses (food, housing, toiletries, etc.). In addition, at least 25% of tuition and fees will be due at the start of each semester. We recommend you prepare a bank draft made out to The University of Southern Mississippi.

Health insurance is mandatory at The University of Southern Mississippi and a policy will be provided by the institution at a cost. There are very limited options to waive the health insurance, so please expect to be on the institution's student insurance policy. We have included an estimated amount for the insurance policy in the expenses listed above.

DEPENDENTS: Those students who will bring dependents (spouse and/or children) must show proof of an additional \$4,600.00 USD per year for the first dependent and \$3,600.00 USD for each additional dependent. Please contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services for more information regarding this matter.

X _____
Student Signature

Date

X _____
Sponsor Signature

Date