



## CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS ON F-1 AND J-1 VISAS

You are required to certify that you will have US\$33,933 available to pay your educational expenses for your first academic year (9 months), exclusive of travel expenses. If you plan to remain in the United States during the summer months, there will be \$3,500.00 additional needed for living expenses. Student self-support, support by parents, friends, or relatives requires bank verification with the signature and bank seal either on the form or attached separately. Support by government, institution, or private scholarship must be verified with a certified letter. Should you indicate a sponsor living in the United States, please provide the sponsor's address so that we may request an affidavit of support. You must also indicate how you will defray your expenses for subsequent years of study. In most cases, it takes two years to complete a master's degree and five for a doctorate.

In computing your expenses, you must take into consideration the following factors: (1) students in F-1 status are permitted by US Immigration to work only under extraordinary circumstances, (2) F-1 students must reside in the US for at least 12 months before an application for off-campus work permission can be submitted to Immigration (3) employment opportunities at Washington State University or in the Pullman area are extremely limited, (4) teaching and research assistantships for graduate students are limited and only a very few are awarded to first year students. *Therefore, while enrolled at WSU, you should not depend upon employment as a source of financial support.*

A married student is advised to come alone to secure housing and have dependents come later. If you plan to bring your family during the 9 month academic year, a proportionately larger amount must be certified for living expenses. You must provide \$5,382.00 for your spouse and \$2,691.00 for the first child and \$1,794.00 for each additional child. If you plan to be here for a 12 month period, you must show that you have \$7,176.00 for your spouse and \$3,588.00 for the first child and \$2,388 for each additional child. Please be aware that your spouse may apply for work permission *only* if he/she has J-2 status and then only for his or her and the children's support. *Spouses who have F-2 status are not permitted to work under any circumstances.*

*For each semester, tuition and fees must be paid in full by the end of the third week of classes.* You must have approximately \$18,000.00 upon arrival to cover tuition, fees, housing, food, and books. Suggested methods of payment are international postal money orders or checks, traveler's checks, and bank money orders which are payable through a United States financial institution. Other methods of payment may subject you to charges for expenses incurred by Washington State University to collect U.S. funds. Please keep in mind that you are ultimately responsible for securing all of your financial resources. Therefore, in the event a private sponsor, government agency, or other funding source is delinquent with financial support, you are held personally responsible. *Housing contracts, transcripts, diplomas, and an I-20 or DS-2019 are not issued for individuals under financial obligation to Washington State University.*

**APPLICANTS FROM COUNTRIES REQUIRING CURRENCY EXCHANGE PERMITS:** You must also submit an official letter certifying that your government has granted currency exchange authorization sufficient to cover the costs indicated, that the duration of the permit covers your entire period of study, and that you have directed the appropriate bank to remit the funds for tuition and fees to Washington State University at the appropriate times. A DS-2019 or an I-20 form will not be issued to you for the purpose of obtaining a currency exchange permit. If your country is among those that set a maximum figure on foreign exchange for living expenses that is below the minimum requirement for visa certification, you must document the availability of funds to meet the shortfall from sources not subject to foreign exchange control.

You should retain a copy of all documents submitted as evidence of financial responsibility as you are likely to need documentation of your funding for the United States Consulate official when applying for a visa and for immigration officials when entering the United States.

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<u>Estimated Expenses (Aug. 2008- Aug. 2009)*</u>	<u>Postgraduate</u>
Tuition and Fees	\$19,676.00
Books and Supplies	1,200.00
Room and Board	8,450.00
Health Insurance**	1,491.00
Health Service Fee	240.00
Recreation Center Fee	256.00
Stadium Fee	50.00
Transit Fee	30.00
CUB Fee	240.00
Personal Expenses	2,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,933.00</b>
<b>Summer Expenses (June to August)</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>

\*These estimates do not include such expenses as travel or the support of dependents and are subject to change without notice. Expenses generally increase 5% each year.

\*\*All students are required to have health and accident insurance. Proof of equivalent insurance is necessary for this fee to be waived.