

AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose of the Affidavit: Colleges and universities in the United States are required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to have documentary proof of adequate financial support before a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) is issued. The I-20 is used to obtain a visa for entrance into this country or for a transfer from another U.S. college or university. Proof must be shown that funds are available to cover your expenses while in the U.S. for the first academic year. **Warning:** Providing false information may jeopardize a student's visa status. Furthermore, the institution may revoke its initial decision to enroll the student.

Privately Sponsored Students: Proper completion and submission of the attached affidavit are required (see instructions for the affidavit below). *An Affidavit of Support Form (I-134) must be submitted instead of this affidavit if the sponsor is a permanent or U.S. citizen.* If more than one person will be providing funds, each sponsor will need to complete a separate affidavit. Remember to attach the letters from the bank and the sponsor's employer to the affidavit.

Important Notes and Requirements Regarding Official Financial Documentation:

- Official and original documents must be provided.
- All documents must be in English and **figures in equivalent U.S. dollars** (or the current exchange rate must be supplied by the bank). If not possible, translations of the documents will be accepted if signed and sealed by an appropriate government or bank official.
- All supporting documentation must be dated within one year of initial enrollment at Oakwood University.
- Photocopies and faxed documents will not be accepted.
- If a transfer student, a visa clearance must be completed and attach a copy of the I-20 from the last U.S. institution attended.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FORM

To receive an I-20, the student must receive an acceptance and registration clearance letter before an I-20 is submitted. Also, a \$1,000 surety deposit is required.

- The affidavit must be filled out completely. Please type or clearly print in black or blue ink.
- The "Declaration of Sponsor" section must be signed by the sponsor; no one else may sign this section.
- The affidavit is to be affirmed in person by the sponsor before a notary of the public, attorney, U.S. consulate officer or any other official authorized to administer oaths. This section must be confirmed by the official in the section of the affidavit entitled "Certification..."
- Supporting evidence of financial resources must be attached to the affidavit. An original letter on official stationery is required from a bank or other financial institution. The letter must state the sponsor's savings deposit, certificates of deposit, or money market certificates. Information provided by the bank should state (1) date account(s) opened, (2) total deposited for the past year, and (3) amount of funds in the account(s). **Figures must be stated in equivalent U.S. dollars.** The letter from the sponsor's employer must state (1) date and nature of employment, (2) salary paid, and (3) whether position is permanent or temporary.
- Items not acceptable as evidence of available funds include income tax statements or returns, proof of property ownership, and statements from retirement plans and checking accounts.

ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES FOR OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2011 – 2012

	<u>Undergraduate Program</u>	<u>Graduate Program</u>
Tuition	\$13,838.00	\$ 10,488.00
Residence/Community Housing	8,288.00	7,458.00
Books and Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Medical Insurance	1,000.00	1,000.00
General Fee	648.00	648.00
Health Fee	<u>192.00</u>	<u>192.00</u>
	\$24,966.00	\$20,786.00

NOTE: If you wish to be accompanied by your family during your studies, you must provide evidence of additional funding before we can authorize any family member to accompany you. *If your spouse and/or children intend to accompany you, you must show financial evidence of an additional \$4,000 for each dependent.* On a separate sheet of paper include the name(s), date(s) of birth, country of birth, and relationship(s) of those who will accompany you.

Please return the affidavit and supporting documents to the following:

Enrollment Management Office
Oakwood University
7000 Adventist Boulevard
Huntsville, AL 35896
(256) 726 – 7356
(256) 726 – 7154 or 7696 Fax #s

AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT APPLICATION
Oakwood University • 7000 Adventist Boulevard • Huntsville, AL 35896

Before completing this form, *please read* carefully the information and instructions on the back. A certificate of Eligibility (**Form I-20**) will be issued after all information is provided and evaluated. **The letter from the bank must state figures in U.S. dollars.**

Sponsor's Name: _____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle (or Maiden)

Home Address: _____

Telephone No. (Include Country Code): _____

This affidavit is executed for: _____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle (or Maiden)

SOURCES OF FUNDS

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
FIRST YEAR**

1. **SELF SUPPORT** \$ _____
 A letter from the bank must be attached verifying the total amount of funds in the account. **Checking** accounts are not acceptable means of documentation

2. **PARENT OR INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS** _____
 A letter from the bank must be attached verifying the total amount of funds in the account. **Checking** accounts are not acceptable means of documentation

3. **GOVERNMENT/OTHER SPONSORING AGENCY** _____
 Attach with this form a signed copy of your award letter.

4. **OTHER** (Specify) _____ _____
 Attach with this form an official document verifying information.

MINIMUM ESTIMATED TOTAL \$ _____
 The total of items 1-4 should equal the institution's estimated expenses for one academic year.

DECLARATION OF SPONSOR

I certify that all information provided on this affidavit, and on the attached document(s) proving availability of funds is true and valid. I do intend to make the monetary contributions as stated in the total column during the applicants stay at Oakwood University. I accept this Affidavit as a binding document.

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date Signed: _____

CERTIFICATION BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____

My commission expires on _____

Signature and title of officer administering oath: _____
Signature Title